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TWO MASTER MINDS MEET

AND THERE IS A CHANCE FOR AN ARGUMENT—THE X-RAY

In the Form of Sound Reasoning is Set on the Hon. C. H. J. Taylor—With Bated Breath we Await a Reply—A Clever "Rusher."

One of the most thoughtful articles in the excellent holiday number of The Freeman is that written by Hon. C H. J. Taylor in reply to his own question, "Shall there be a Negro National Party?" But while Mr. Taylor's arguments, in a general sense, are absolutely unrefutable, his general conclusions upon the matter are entirely wrong. We do not want and should not have a Negro national party, nor any other kind of a Negro party. The idea is impracticable and the possibility of accomplishing such a thing is as remote as the stars. A party, in the sense here intended, is a distinct division of the people, solely on political lines. Mr. Taylor suggests such a division as a panacea for the ills of a race. He misconceives, like many others, the fact that all of our ills are not political nor susceptible of political remedies. aud he apparently forgets that a great many of our reliable people are not politicians.

It is true that numerous material reforms may be accomplished with the ballot. It is true that, as a general rule, we have not learned how to make the best use of this, the most powerful weapon ever put into a freeman's hands. It is equally true that no political power that the Negro can exert, can "make a man hire you if he does not desire to do so." It cannot eradicate prejudice, suppress individual discriminations and impositions, open the doors of the workshops, the mercantile and counting houses; it cannot make the Negro industrious, nor put life and pride and honor into a lazy roustabout; it will not teach the Negro how to embark in business or to support the various enterprises already struggling for beggarly existence, wherever the race is depended upon. No! What the race needs is not a political party, under whose discriminating banner it could belie its dearest principles and wrangle the hearts out of its scattered adherents, but we want a wisely founded and far reaching race organization, whose object will cover all the direful needs and relentless conditions against whose burdens the whole race is engaged in blind and constant struggle. An organization which does not eschew politics, but which also regards the social and industrial demands upon the race, and which lives and acts when political campaigns are dead and forgotten, is the thing that we should look to. The Fortune idea is better than the Taylor, and yet neither are sufficient unto the times.

Certain influential Negroes in Ohio are responsible for the published assertion that there is already a powerful "race organization" on foot, which, by aiming to solidify the black Republican vote in the nation, hopes to gain increased influence in the councils and benefits of that party. I am a Republican, and have voted for every national Republican candidate from Garfield to McKinley, but I do not hesitate to say that this illegitimate effort of Ohio Negroes is either a grievious error or a traitorous attempt to barter and trade the political liberties of the people. No bona fide race organization can be partisan. Indeed we have reached that turn in our progress where no honest Negro can afford to be blindly partisan and heedless of the better interests of his race. The tendency of abject partisanship is to kill off the true, fearless and most valuable leaders of the race. Look at Ohio and see H. C. Smith, who led the most gallant fight for race principle that the state ever saw, driven to the political wall by Negroes, who, jealous of his strength and prestige, have taken advantage of partisan conditions to drive him out of his party, and for what? For putting race before party and contending against a man he had good cause to believe careless of Negro interests. Look at Fortune of New York, who fearlessly blazes the way for an independent and honest Negro press. Who can question the good that he has done and is doing in pricking up the dilatory candidate or official, or in throwing his cracking bombs at heads which he knows are unwilling to accord to the black man the chance of a white man? The abject partisan race press, especially at Washington, makes him its constant target in the base and selfish belief that it helps the owners of these misguided sheets to "stand in" the closer with the administration. Do these hide-bound partisans, who lie in wait, with broad-axe and bludgeon, for the daring disciples of liberty (who, in an honest spirit of unrest, dare to champion the higher interests of the race) show any material race benefits arising from their course? Is Robert Pelham, jr., of Michigan, who for years has done yeoman service in his party's cause, and who commands the approval of a host of black voters, to be paid with a paltry inspectorship? Is Bahia sufficient for Indiana, whose Negro partisans might turn the tide of a national contest? Is a postoffice enough for Pennsylvania, a clerkship for Illinois or Iowa, or a janitorship for Kansas? Surely, in any honest Negro's brain there is room for discontent. Surely these great men and would-be great men of ours, who thrust their daggers into our vanguard yeomanry, must have a pleasant time with their consciences in the still hours of the night. But all signs point to a new and better condition of affairs. The drift of race thought is to a common center. Out of the focus will spring the light that is to lead us on.

What we want is something that will make Taylor vote for a Republican, or make Knox vote for a Democrat, when, in either case, it appears for the best interests of the race. This result cannot be secured through an attempt to form a Negro party. Disturb the rights of the German, and he does not form a German party, but Herr Pfretschner pushes the button and the turnverein does the rest. Impose upon the Irish, and you will never hear of such a thing as an Irish party in America, but the Catholic church will carry consternation into the lodge rooms of the A. P. A's. Discriminate against the Jew, or any part of our foreign element, and they do not think of forming a party of their own, but allies await them and meet their every advance. So let it be with the Negro An organization, non-partisan, non-sectarian, purely racial, through which the ideas of the thoughtful may be disseminated, and the decisions of the loyal and energetic men and women put into execution, is the need of the hour. Into it all other efforts should merge. Against it, no voice backed by reason would dare be raised. It is well to remark, however, that no noisy demonstrations, such as have usually attended efforts in this direction will avail. The Negro's mouth is one of his deadliest enemies. Like Mr. Taylor, I would curb the curbstone politician and gag the convention spell-binder. I would put under careful surveillance that abnormally selfish ilk that would pick flaws in the Bible to get a square meal from the devil.

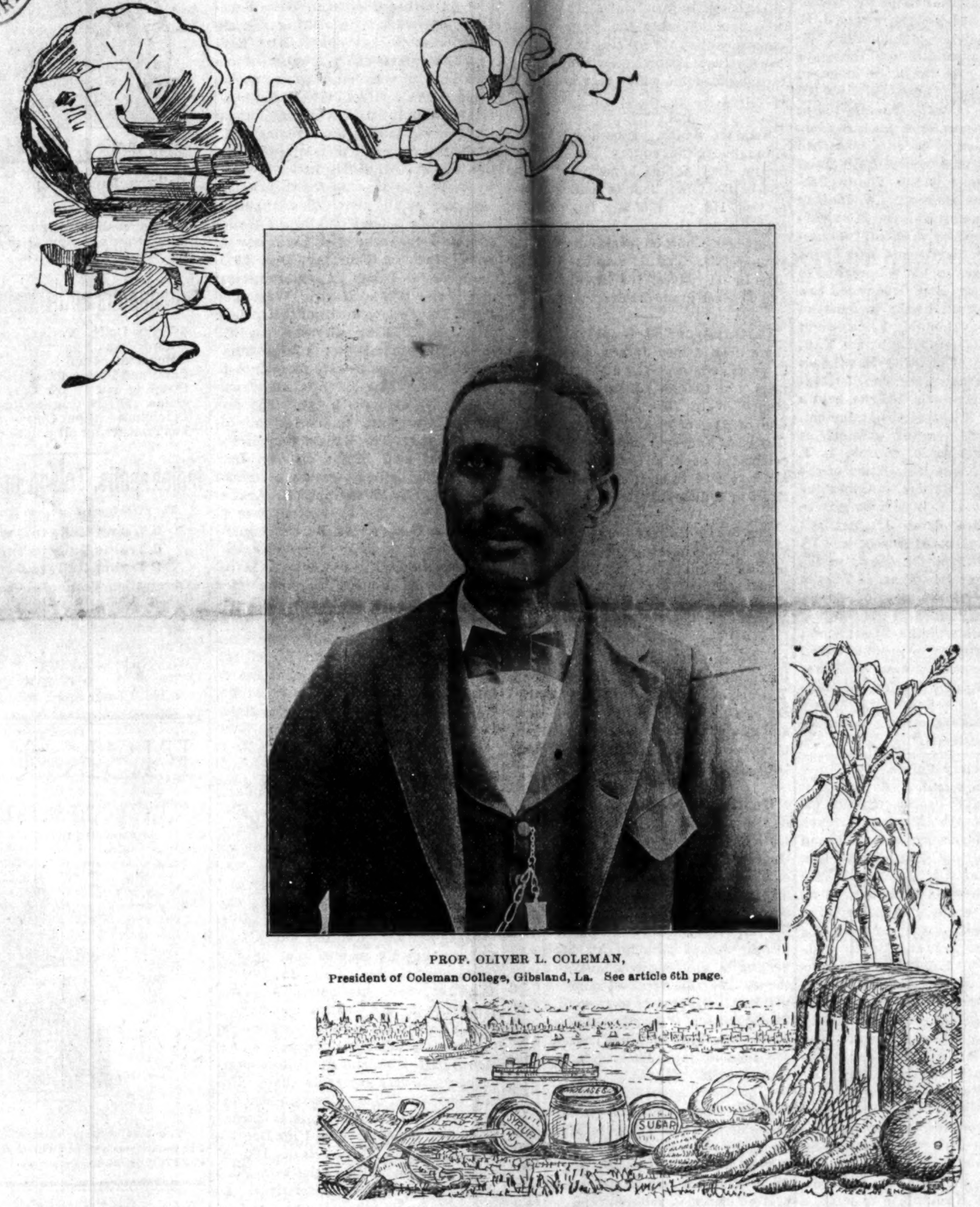
There are more race traitors to the square foot among American Negroes than among any other people on earth. This truth should be confessed and carefully regarded Unlike Mr. Taylor, I would not impose an educational or property qualification for membership. Good common sense, race interest, and personal reliability command a premium wherever found. Intelligence and capability will naturally go to the front without the advantage of other handicap. But it is a mistake to endeavor to organize all the people. The thoughtful, earnest, patient and trustworthy are sufficient. The heedless of all classes are content to follow the drift. Let the influential individuals of communities get together upon a plan that is broad and wise. Engage the interest of that portion of the race press which is open to a candid discussion of the conditions surrounding us. Let the gauntlet be thrown down and let us find whether the higher interests of the race must continue to be sacrificed upon the altars of selfish political ambitions.

I am not widely at variance with Mr. Taylor in the mode of procedure to be followed. In politics, let the people of communities or states, through the respective branches of their organization, shape their course according to conditions, making up tickets from those already in the field, substituting one or more Negro candidates, as may be advisable, to consistently represent the Negro vote, but never should an entirely Negro ticket be resorted to except as a ticket of one of the great parties, as might occur in Georgia or other Southern states where the Republican party is chiefly represented by them. In the North, wisdom would dictate the prior course above outlined. Outside of the realm of politics, such an organization might successfully undertake to aid needy and deserving individuals, improve school facilities, advance civil privileges, suppress discriminations and impositions against the race, open new opportunities for employment and labor, establish, assist or encourage the support of race enterprises, mediate in matters of race conflict, call public mass meetings or conventions for any object desired, institute or defend suits in the courts, improve local morals and social conditions, discourage race vices, aid charities, purchase public halls and other properties, and give due consideration to all other race interests as circumstances might require. To this end, the woman should organize, the same as the men, but in separate local bodies, for in their sphere, our women are doubly more progressive than our men, and they should not be retarded.

Cannot such an organization be effected? Certainly, an hundred times easier than a Negro party. It is only a question of finding those progressive persons in the various states and communities, who are willing to work and think, honestly, earnestly and unitedly for the advancement of a mighty cause. If the North, East and South continue much longer tardy in devising a plan for this great effort, the West, wild and wooly, but full of independence and pluck, shall be the Nazareth out of which this good thing shall come.

EDWIN H. HACKLEY,

Denver, Colo., Jan. 6, 1898.



PROF. OLIVER L. COLEMAN,
President of Coleman College, Gibsland, La. See article 6th page.

Decatur Personals.

Decatur. Mich., Special.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Hamilton entertained about thirty five of their friends New Years Eve, to watch the old year out and the new year in. The entertainment was novel and unique, consisting of vocal and instrumental music followed by games, after which was served a sumptious repast. Miss Lulu Simpson of Benton Harbor is visiting relatives. Walter Hill of Niles was the guest at the home of E. M. Winburn over Sunday. Revivals are being held at the Second Baptist church under the supervision of Rev. Revels of Niles and Rev. Brown of Arlington. Messrs Willie Bradley and Louis Brown visited the High School Tuesday afternoon. Eli Simpson and sister Mrs. L. Mahoney spent Christmas with friends at Benton Harbor. Mr. Conor of Covert called on friends Sunday. Will Lowery and Miss M. Roberts spent Sunday the 2nd with the formers parents. Misses Lula and Grace Winburn were the guests of Mrs. Eva Hamilton during the holidays. Herman Brown is shaking hands with old friends. Mrs. Anna Moss is spending a few days in town.

Chambersburg Brevetles.

Chambersburg, Pa. Special.

Royal Christian Jr., spent the holidays in Philadelphia. Miss Francis Collins of East Washington street is critically ill. Mrs. Ella James of West Washington street is still on the sick list. The St. James A. M. E. church held a festival during the holidays, the program was as follows:—Monday Dec. 27th, the choir of St. James A. M. E. church entertained with music and speaking; Tuesday the 28th, Miss Lizzie Wright gave a tableaux; Wednesdey the 29th, The Willing Workers gave an excellent program. The opening was a duet "The Convict," by Misses Wilson and Lee. A dialogue "Scandal on the brain," Miss Smith Compton and others. Thursday the 30th, the Sunday school held a concert of little children. Mrs. Seth D Smith of Philadelphia is home visiting her parent on South Main street. Geo. Williams of Harrison avenue is visiting his sister Mrs. Ruth Peterson of Martinsburgh. Geo. Lewis of Green Castle spent New Years Day with his aunt Ellen James.

Racine News.

Racine, Wis., Special.

Mrs. Davis has returned home from a visit to the Cream City. Walter Cartwright spent New Years in Milwaukee. J. Gilchrist of Chicago, spent New Years with his mother. Mrs. James is visiting her niece at Delavan. The Episcopal church gave an oyster supper on Tuesday last and which proved a grand success. Mrs. Groff is still very sick at her Main street home.

CULLINGS FROM MANY CITIES

A PROMISING YOUNG MAN ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

Working Men are Being Suspended—The Five Hour System—News From the "Lone Star" State—Passing Events of General Interest.

Selma, Ala., Special.

On Sunday morning Dec. 26th, 1897, the Burrel Academy was discovered in flames. The whole heavens were lighted up, but it seemed to attract very few people to the vicinity of the conflagration, and much damage was done. So much that teaching had to stop. The Academy is one of the oldest and most popular colored schools in the city, and the misfortune is deeply felt by all.

Warner Reid 17 years old while running from his playmates who were firing Roman Candle Balls at him, ran into the rear end of a dray. The blow was fatal. Young Reid died the 2nd. He was a popular young man stood in the best society and was loved by all. He would have finished school this season. A large number of working men have been suspended from work here at the Southern Railway Shops, both white and colored, and some have quit, owing to the five hour system, claiming that they cannot support their families on such low wages. The Railroad appropriates so much for each shop and the Master Machanic was compeled to adopt the short rate to meet the appropriation. More suspensions are looked for. John Kigh, an old Selma boy, but now of Evansville, Ind., is visiting relatives and friends here Messrs Alex Beatty and Jesse Duke, who are attending Tuskegee Normal School were at home Christmas. Dr. Stanley Sullivan who recently graduated at Meharry Medical College Nashville, Tenn., is in the city, and will locate his dental office at L. L Borrel's drug store, Alabama St. Look out Social Le Grand, they are after you, and to catch you is their only desire. Mrs. Sarah S. Duncan general organizer and lecturer of the Home and Foreign Missionary Society has returned home. Richard C. Smith of Montgomery spent the holidays with his family and old friends. Dr C. B. Terrel of Memphis, Tenn., is visiting the city and is the guest of Dr. L. L. Borrel. Jim Taylor of Birmingham, Ala., is visiting in the city.

A Birthday Social.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

The week of prayer, held under the direction of the Preachers Union was appropriately observed. Much interest was manifested. The reception in honor of the nuptial of "Parson" W. P. Perry and his bride was held on the 4th, at the residence of Mr. Hall on Pine St. One of the most brilliant affairs of the New Year was the birthday social of Rev. J. A. Jones, of Warren Chapel A. M E. church, at his residence, 114 W. Terrace St. The reception began at 4 p. m. and lasted until 6:30. The pastor was the happy recipient of many handsome presents, some of them quite valuable. Mesdames, Annie Pullin, J. G. Higgie, Willie Jones and Misses Alberta Irvin and Mary Hawkins served as hostesses. A brilliant banquet in the devines honor was held at night at the church, many of the teachers and professional men taking part in the exercises. Dr. Love's toast "Our professional men," brought forth repeated rounds of applause. Miss Lucy Parker said that she was absent when diplomas for "toasters" were being conferred. The public schools have resumed work. Our schools are considered the best in the state. Only two gold medals were awarded to public schools in the state at the great Tennessee Centennial Exposition. Both came to Chattanooga, the Plucky City, one to the white schools and the other to the colored. This, we think speaks well for the colored school teachers of Chattanooga.

Passing Events.

McMinnville, Tenn., Special.

Emancipation day passed very quietly. The exercises prepared by the special committee on programs, were very intelligently rendered. Those who were on the program were, Prof. W. A. Thompson, "The Emancipation Proclamation;" Jas. W. Woodle, "The Negro as a Citizen;" E. B. Looper. "The Power of the Ballot;" T. H. Mabry, "Heroism in Women:" Dr. R T. Burt "The New Negro." Rev. Thos. W. Johnson, Master of ceremonies. The choir was composed of the best musical talent in the city. Mrs. R. O. Speers presided over the organ with masterly skill. Among the prominent persons present were Rev. C. A. Hall, pastor of the Baptist church and Rev Wm. Ready pastor of the A. M. E. church. The Cantata at the Baptist church during the holidays, was a splendid success. The young people are to be especially commended for the artistic manner in which they performed their various parts. The Freeman in her artistic holiday gown excited very much favorable comment. It seems she intends to fasten more securely the affections of her many admirers, by beautiful dress on special occasions. Rev. T. W. Johnson is spending a couple of weeks with his family in Nashville. Dr. R. T. Burt has changed residences, he may now be found on Summer street at W. L. Strond's handsome residence. Wm. T. Manpins announced for County Court Clerk. Will is one of our prosperous young man and deserves support.

By request of agents and friends, our holiday rates have been extended to Feb. 1.

B. Square's Bluster

A Happy New Year to all The Freeman's readers in general, and my brother quill drivers in parti ular. Our great newspaper, The Freeman, started off well for the year, commencing with the Christmas number. Let all hands, editors, writers, agents and readers resolve to make The Freeman for the year 1898, brighter, better and more useful. It can be made brighter by its staff writers sifting their articles of all back number sayings; all personal hits or mud throwing, and leaving only the light and truth in their Mss., when they send it to the office. It can be made better by its editors and managers guarding against errors in the press and typesetting rooms, and making other improvements from time to time in its "make up." It can be made more useful by its agents and readers; by the former working hard to get new subscribers in new sections of the country, and the readers by first paying for their papers and then showing the same to their neighbors and getting them—not trying to get them—to subscribe. Once more, a Happy New Year.

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I am always trying to study human nature, no matter where I am. I must not be misunderstood; I do not pry into people's business, I care not for the doings of men, but like to study their makeup. There are two classes of men I have studied for the past few months. They are the old young men and the young old men. The man who gets old before he reaches the noon-day of manhood, belongs to the first class, and the old man who is (or thinks he is) "just as young as I used to be," belongs to the second class. Now for two examples.

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I am 43 years old, no less and just a few months more. I know a man two years my junior, who, although never a "fast" man or a wild oats sower, has been a society man, and years ago (not so many either—only twenty) he was the society leader of Norfolk. He now thinks himself an old back number. "We've had our day, hey Gus?" he asked me one day at the S—— club house. "Had our day?" I asked in reply. "Yes, when we were young men in Norfolk twenty years ago we—" "You may have had your day Bob, twenty years ago, when you were a twenty year old youth, but I have not. I have just reached the noon-day of experienced manhood, and if I live I expect to see twenty years more before its sunset; that is, before I'll be an old man; my best days as a man are before me. There are many things I did twenty years ago that I would not do now but—there is nothing I did then I could not now do as well if not better than twenty years ago. I do not expect to be an old man until I am 68.

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It is amusing to watch the old young man. I know three in Brooklyn, but will only take one for a picture. We will call him Ed Sport (the boys dare not call him Uncle Ed. or Pop Ed, or even Mr. Sport. He dresses in the latest styles, is always at the Upper Ten balls, parties and receptions; he dances like a fairy, keeps his whiskers dyed black, goes with the boys young enough to be his grand sons, and is a welcome visitor (a polite, refined gentleman, I must say) in the parlors of ladies who might be his grand daughters. He was a beau of Brooklyn years ago, when my mother was a young girl. Comment is not needful, still I will say a young man should be a young one, a middle aged man a middle aged one, and—an old fellow, a grand pop, and keep in a grand pop's place.

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It is pretty hard to flatter me, and I have seen my name in print for the past twenty odd years, still I must confess that I have read the editorial in The Freeman of Jan. 1st under the headlines of "Augustus M. Hodges," just nine times, and each time blessed the writer and wondered who he was. (Don't believe this paragraph, readers, it's only a joke—I don't think.)

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By-the-way, have you paid for The Freeman for 1898? Have read its Christmas number? Have seen Lynk's magazine, Dr. M. V. Lynk publisher, Jackson, Tenn.? Have you helped the poor this Christmas? Have you sent any money down home young man? Have you saved any of the dollars you made last year? Have you, in the language of Uncle Noah Baxter, helped, during the past year, "to push the progress of the race along?"

B. SQUARE.

The Emancipation Celebration.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

The 1st day of January was a red letter day in the "Plucky City." The Emancipation Proclamation was celebrated in a grand style. Prof. J. A. Henry, of the public schools presided. Music for the occasion was furnished by the Arion society, a musical organization of the city, Prof. W. H. Singleton president. The following speakers appeared on the program and responded: Annual address, Prof. J. A. Henry; Reading Proclamation, Miss Beatrice Stallon; "Address to Ex-slaves," Rev. R. J. Buckner; "Slavery Reminiscences," Father A. B. Kline; "Relation of Lincoln to the Proclamation," Rev. B. J. Miller; "Relation of Fred. Douglass to the Proclamation," Rev. J. A. Jones; "Relation of the Tennessee Centennial to the Proclamation," Prof. W. H. Singleton; recitation, "The Black Regiment," Miss M. J Jackson; "Responsibilities arising from the Proclamation," Rev. J. E. Smith.

Rev. W. P. Perry, the parson, took to himself a bride on the 30th, ult., at Warren Chapel A. M. E. church, Rev. J. A. Jones, officiated. Warren Chapel has taken on new life under the pastorate of the new pastor, Rev. J. A. Jones. The roof has been put on the new church since his arrival about seven weeks ago, at a cost of $800. More than $400 has been collected. Wiley Memorial M. E. church, under the administration of Rev. R. J. Buckner, is spiritually alive. He carries everything before him "up on the hill." The week of prayer, under the direction of the Ministerial conference, was observed by holding union services at the different churches during the week.

Latest News Notes.

Shuqualak, Miss., Special.

The holidays passed away very lively at Shuqualak. Beginning with a Christmas Tree entertainment Christmas Eve. night, given at the public school house; Christmas day a steady rain fell. Sunday, services were held at New Shiloh Baptist church, Rev. L. S. Lee, pastor, gave a short talk on "Home, School and Church." "Manners," by J. E. Washington. Monday night public installation of the Hannibal Masonic lodge No. 114, was held, R. W. R. D Littlejohn, of Columbus, officiating. He also addressed the audience, stating that the 3,500 lodges in Mississippi had paid over nearly $50 000 for the year of '97. Tuesday night Louis Hudson and Miss Susie Sanders were married, after which all marched to the public school house to the grand Opening Banquet of the Young People's Literary society. Wednesday night Lew Chamberlain and Miss Margie Nicholson were married. Thursday night Wm. Harris and Miss Emma Nunn were married, and all repaired to the residence of Ben Greenwood to a reception tendered by the members of the Necktie Social club. Friday night a reception was tendered by the Y. B. L. S, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hudson. Saturday night, Jan. 1st, Asbury Chapel Epworth League held a Banquet and Fishing entertainment. Sunday, Jan. 2d, services were held at Asbury Chapel M. E. church, L. J. Terrell pastor, and installation of the Epworth League officers. Among the many visitors to our little town may be mentioned Misses Sarah J. Cheatham and Lula Clay, of Aberdeen, and W. Tooles, of Meridian, the guests of the Misses McNeese; Miss Pearl L. Tate, of Cliftonville, T B. Beasley, of Macon, Misses Belle Benton and Lyda Scott, of Scooba, the guests of the Misses Scott; Miss Emma Calhoun, of Scooba, visited Mrs. Emma Lagrone; Messrs. Walker Collins and Gordon Watley, of Meridian, were up to see the girls, but we saw them out (of the city). Call again boys (next Christmas).

Society Galore.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

The Christmas banks, express offices and trees at the different churches were much enjoyed by both old and young. The Pink Party and Tom Thumb Wedding were greatly enjoyed and were successful financially. Mrs, T. T. Ranson made a flying trip to Bellbuckle this week to preside at the organ for the Scruggs and Smith wedding. The Odd Fellows and Masons had their annual social Tuesday evening at Thompsons Hall to which their wives and daughters were invited. The evening was pleasantly spent. Mrs. D. A. White the hair dresser and manicurist of Nashville is in town. Miss Mary Crowell of Unionville graced us with her smiles this week. Prof. S. S. Medaris has gone to Dixon to begin his winter school. Mrs. Mattie Griffeth, Mr. W. C. Cartwright and Pierce Singleton are on the sick list. Mr. Chas Barnes of Nashville is over on a visit to his wife and little daughter. The first reception of the "Literary Digest" was given at the beautiful residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cartwright, on Wall street Dec 29th, Mrs Cartwright attired in black and white chiffon, and Miss Irene McKinney in brown silk and pink chiffon received the guest. The following ladies were present: Misses C. B. Trail, M. M. Davis, L. J. Washington, L S. Wilson, M. S. Crowell, Lou Floyd, Annie Thompson, Emma Allen, Sallie J. Rainey, Theora McKinney, Eva Furgerson, Madam B. J. Burkeen, L. V. Turner, M. J. Anderson. The gentlemen present were R. P. Purdy, S. C. Rainey, W. C Cartwright, S. S. Medaris, Dr. V. D. Turner, C. H. Davis, Clem Fogleman, John Morton, Caldwell Henderson, Stanley Davis, Horace McChristian, Henry Higgens, Berry Wooley, Minios Carmon Jr. Morgan Davis, C. H. Donnell, R. L. Whiteside. Music for the occasion was furnished by the Shelbyville Mandolin Band. At 10:30 o'clock the guest were invited into the beautiful dining room where refreshments of every variety were served. The late hours found the guests on their way to their homes. Prof. Morgan-Moore's mother was buried on the 2nd, we extend our sympathy to the family.

Now is the time to subscribe for Th Freeman, the Negro's leading journal, while our Holiday rate is on. The Freeman for one year—One Dollar.

Race Gleanings

A colored Salvation Army is the latest in the city of Louisville.

Miss Georgia DeBaptist, daughter of Rev. R. DeBaptist, of Evanston, Ill., has been appointed directory clerk in the Chicago postoffice.

There is a Negro mill in operation near Columbia, S. C., and one in Concord. N. C., on Negro capital exclusively, and another near Selma, Ala. Taken all in all, says the Boston Post, "there are as ugly problems ahead for the white labor of the South, as there are for the mill owners of the North."

For the first time in the history of Kentucky the body of a colored man has lain in state. It was that of Lewis George Clark, the original of "George Harris" in Uncle Tom's Cabin and his body lay in state in the Auditorium on Main street from 9 o'clock until 2 on the day of the burial.

Hon. J. Milton Turner of St. Louis, and ex-Congressman Murray of South Carolina, are conducting a large machine shop in St. Louis. The latter, who is in Washington preparing to make a contest for his seat in congress, has a valuable patent on a combination farming machine which they are manufacturing.

Stephen Smith, generally known throughout the county as "Steve" Smith, died at his home near New Castle, Del., Jan. 2nd. It is alleged that he was 118 years of age, he left three sons, Walter, Howard and Stephen, the eldest being now 88 years old and the youngest 83. The old man has 46 children by 11 wives, 108 grandchildren, and 65 great-grand children.

Christmas day at Brooklyn, N. Y., there died Aunty Judith Moore, aged 74 years, who was the first colored woman admitted to full membership in Henry Ward Beecher's church, and one of the original members of the Christian Endeavor society. She was a celebrated cook, an expert seamstress, and was held in high esteem by a wide circle of influential friends.

The British Hoisery Company, Olneyville, R. I., is making preparations to partially remove its business to the South. A plant is to be established at Nashville, Tenn., and a number of the operatives from Thornton will soon leave for that State, where they will be used as instructors to the new and inexperienced Southern colored help. The management assert that the Southern plant will be used for cotton goods and the change is necessitated by the present condition of cotton manufacturing.

Up to last Tuesday, Zanesville, O., had a monopoly of the only human clock in the world in the person of George Henderson, colored. He was endowed with the phenomenal power of being able to tell the time of day correctly by simply placing a finger in his ear. At such times he claimed that a light flashed through his brain, revealing to him the positions at which the hands of a correct watch were then pointing. His powers were well known to residents of the city, and he was never unwilling to oblige anyone with the time of day. He died in that city December 28.

Honor comes to Lawyer John G. Jones of Chicago. Charles H. Kelty, for many years a resident of Chicago, died Dec. 10, 1897, leaving a large estate to be divided among relatives and several educational, religious and benevolent institutions Having implicit confidence in the ability and integrity of Lawyer Jones, he named and designated him as executor to carry out the provisions of his will. December 15th, in the circuit court of Cook County, Lawyer Jones was appointed receiver of the estate of the late Daniel Scott of Chicago. Mr, Scott is a colored man, and died about a year ago, estimated to be worth $150,000.

Died From Lockjaw.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.

Louis Jackson an employee of the Tennessee Fiber Co., was run down by an M. & O. R. R. train on Dec. 30th. He sustained serious injuries. Mr. Jackson is a very industrious young man. Messrs Arthur Mosely and Sandy Alexander were made apprentice Masons in Eureka Lodge No. 3, on the 30th. Mrs. J. Perkins president of the Working Club of Avery A. M. E. church entertained the club at her home 183 Court street on the 29th. Mrs. Sandy Nelson is on the sick list. The young men and ladies of the city including. Messrs L. D. Cassels, Dr. E. W. Irvin, H. R. Saddler, Dr. A. S. J. Burchett, J. T. Franklin, C. Robinson, R. Dixon, L. Branch, W. Bradshaw, C. Dixon, H Kennedy and L. E. Brown. Misses Floss Jackson, Jessie King, Fannie B. Turner, Maggie West, Bertha Dunford. L. Dickerson, Laurence Overton, Elvira Jones, Sarah Martin,, Emma West, Fannie Rivers and Bessie Irvin, were entertained at the residence of Mrs. T. F. Cassells, Friday evening the 31st. Emancipation services occured at Beal street Baptist church Monday night Jan. 3rd. The many friends of Mr. and Mitchell Whitlowe are pained to learn of the death of their son Abe, who accidently shot himself in the hand from which he took the lockjaw. He was buried on the 2nd inst. Gus Dyer formerly of this city but now of Denver, Col., is visiting friends here. Miss Jessie King of Lexington, Ky., was the guest of her mother during Yule tide. Miss Lulu M. Galloway and W. E. Mitchel were quietly married at home on Dec. 30th. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Bush entertained their many friends at dinner on Sunday evening Jan 2nd. Miss Cora Bird who was accidently hurt by the Armstrong Furniture Company's elevator is recovering after an illness of four weeks. The marriage of Miss Georgia E. L. Patton and D. W. Washington took place Wednesday evening, Dec. 29th, at 8 o'clock at the residence of the bride; the ceremony was performed by the Rev. G. D. Fields of Centenary church. Many friends were present although there had been no cards issued. The bride is a praticing physician of this city and Mr. Washington is widely known here, having been in the service of the United States for 25 years. Mr. and Mrs. Washington are at home 250 Washington street. Mr. Owen Coe visited his mother during Christmas. Miss Bessie Lacey of St. Louis, is visiting her sister of Brunswick avenue. Miss Essie Gholston entertained a number of her friends with a dancing party at her home on Beale street New Years night from 8:30 to 12:30, an elegant supper was served during the evening. All present expressed themselves as delighted with the hospitally of Miss Gholston, and departed for their homes at a wee small hour. The beautiful home of Mr. Allen Franklin on Goslee street was the scene of a gay party of young folks on Thursday Dec. 29th, the occasion being an entertainment given by Misses Maggie West and Bettie Dunford, in honor of their friend Miss Jessie F. King, who was spending the holidays in this city, a large number of young people were recepients of invitations. This delightful affair was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The festiveties lasted until an early hour of the morning. The Baptist Convention which was held in this city on Dec 21st, was the calling together of ministers from N. Mississippi, E. Arkansas and Tenn., the convention was in session at Beale street Baptist church there being seventy three delegates from the above named states. As a result of such a meeting there are now two Baptist conventions which overlap each other as to territory. Elaborate and impressive religious services took place Christmas day in all the Catholic and Episcopal churches of this city in honor of the feast of the Nativity commonly called Christmas Day.

News and Notes.

Knoxville, Tenn., Special.

James Robinson of McWilliams Station was in town last week. Miss Margarette Luttrel who has been teaching at Briciralle, spent the holidays with home folk's. John Burris who has been quite ill for sevaral weeks past died Dec. 29th. Andy Bayless an employee of the Evans Marble Mills, while seized with a fit fell into a tank and was so badly scalded that he died from his injuries. John C. Dodson died Jan. 2nd, his parents have the sympathy of the entire community. Miss Mary Mason gave a reception at the residence of of her father, James Mason in Cumberland St Those present report a very enjoyable affair. Rumor says that Geo. Cheatam married Dec. 30th. Own up Georgia, is it true? The swell banquet booked for Dec. 30, was postponed. Mrs. Sadie Dix of Chattanooga is visiting relatives. Nick Burris is in town visiting relatives. At the residence of Albert Dogan on Asylum street, a nice reception was tendered a few invited friends. Those present spent a very enjoyable evening. S. B. Vaughn desires his friends to know that he is the "Champion Hunter" of Knoxville and vicinity having killed 102 rabbits and 18 birds. H. W. Keaton is next and Wm. Vaughn is game toter.

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Kalamazoo, Mich., Special.

J. D. Hall left for his home in Chicago Monday. Mrs. G. Phelps is very ill. Mr. and Mrs. H. Wilson entertained at dinner New Year's day, Mrs. Nannie Wilson and Miss Myrtle Hill. Mrs. Mattie E., wife of Cyrus L. Stuart, died Tuesday morning, Dec. 28, at their home, 319 Kalamazoo avenue East of consumption. Her age was twenty-two years. Her remains were taken to Day, Mich., her old home, for burial. She leaves besides her husband, two small children and a sister who greatly mourn her loss. Those who accompanied the family were Mrs. Phillips and Miss Mabel Hill.

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CHARTER XX

Brown returned to the store at a quarter to eleven with sadness on his brow—sadness which the beautiful May Brandus noticed and which at once caused her pity to grow to sympathy.

"What luck, Forrester?" asked the shipping clerk.

"None" was the reply.

"Well, I'm sorry—heartfelt sorry, but I must turn in."

"Make your returns regardless of the results."

"I am sorry I can't help you out."

"I'm sorry I can't help myself; but what's to be will be."

"Well give the old man a stiff game of talk, and if you have any idea who took it say so; don't spare the d—— cut-throat. Make a fight for your rights and job."

Miss Brandus overheard this conversation, and was anxious for the shipping clerk to make his returns, as she also intended to "hold out" the $83 until the next day in the hope that something in our hero's favor would turn up. Just then Mr. Draper entered the office and the shipping clerk who did not like Miss Brandus for the simple reason he concluded she held the position he should have received in due line of promotion, made his returns to Mr. Draper, telling him what we know. Draper who was a strictly business man, and likewise a "skin flint," did not want to add a copper to the column of "loss," rushed out of the office in the heat of excitement and yelled:

"Forrester! Forrester! Where is Forrester?"

"Here I am, sir."

"Say, Forrester, Cross says that you lost $83."

"Cross could not have said that; I did not loose the money; it was stolen from coat pocket in the coat closet by some one employed here."

"Who stole it. Point out the man, and by —— be he white or black I'll discharge him on the spot and what's more, lock him up. Point him out! Point him out!"

"That's hard to do, Mr. Draper."

"Well, then, I'll have to hold you."

"I did not take it."

"Well then, where in the h—l is it gone?"

"I don't know sir."

"Now see here, Forrester; this is bad business; I—"

"I did not take the money."

"It was lost while in your care or keeping, and you will have to work it out. Tell me all you know."

"Yes sir, I will: Last night when I went out with my goods, I had over two hundred dollars to collect; as you know, sir, each C. O. D. was in one of our separate 'collect envelopes.' I collected every cent of the money and placed the several amounts in the several envelopes. There were two or three checks in the lot. When I came to work this morning I hung my coat with the money in the pockets in the coat room; I—"

"What a d— foolish thing to do," broke in Draper.

"No sir, not when one was supposed to be with honest fellow employees who—"

"Honest fellow employees be d—; 'twas not business-like. In business trust nobody; a very careless thing to do; why seems to me you'd have known better; you've been with us long enough. Who do you think has taken the money? Speak up and I'll discharge the fellow at once. Yes, by George, lock him up! Who do you think took it?"

"I don't know, sir."

"Then you make it good—that's all."

"Very well, sir."

The conversation here ended, and Draper returned to the office where he had a talk about the matter with Miss Brandus and his son, a lad of twenty who was supposed to be the junior member of the firm, and who was a chip off the old penurious block. The son, who was "one of the boys about town," remarked to the father:

"Now since I think the matter over I saw Forrester come out of the Star Theater last night as I passed by on my way home from a little select surprise party; I will not say he had been drinking, but will say I don't think he can honestly find money to buy seats in a box at a leg—beg pardon, Miss Brandus—at a show of that kind; I—

"That settles it," broke in the senior Draper; "I'll discharge him at once, and further more lock him up for stealing."

The truth of the matter was that young Draper and our hero were both at the Star Theatre—Draper from force of habit and love for sensational plays, Brown from curiosity and the desire for knowledge; he wanted to know if the play was as black as the bill boards painted it.

Miss Brandus, who did not believe young Draper's story, and who being a bright student of humanity and quite a mind-reader (as the interested reader will see as our story advances) had, as before stated overheard all the conversations between Brown and the shipping clerk. She was confident, therefore, that our hero was innocent and resolved to take self-sacrificing and heroic measures to save him from disgrace, discharge and perhaps state's prison. She therefore broke in with:

"Don't act in haste, Mr. Draper; I have been convinced (as I overheard all between the shipping clerk and the colored man—I mean Forrester—) that some white employee—some salesman took the money and since all this uproar about it, the thief has hid it in the men's coat closet. If you will wait here until half past twelve I will search the closet with you after I come back from dinner. Most of the men will then be out, and—"

"Well, we'll look through the coat room; I can hardly believe that boy Forrester took the money since I come to think, or he would have kept the whole business."

"Why of course he would; well I must go to luncheon, but will be back soon when we will look for the money," remarked Miss Brandus as she hurried out of the store.

She went directly to the "Dimes Saving Bank" at Thirty-third street and the junctions of Broadway and Sixth avenue. She had just $93.50 saved and deposited there; she drew out $83, saying to herself: "I know from his looks and actions he did not take that money, and that I'll be doing a good turn by replacing it. Perhaps he has a poor sick mother home—I don't think he is married—who will suffer if he looses his place." Her heart was filled with charity, born of sympathy which in turn was the outgrowth of pity.

"Oh charity! Our helpless nature's pride,
Thou friend to him who knows no friend beside,
Is there in morning's breath, or the sweet gale
That steals o'er the tired pilgrim of the vale,
Cheering with fragrance fresh his wearied frame
Aught like the influence of thy holy flame?
Is aught in all the beauties that adorn
The azure heaven, or purple lights of morn—
Is aught so fair in evening's lingering gleam,
As from thine eye the meek, but pensive beam,
That falls like saddest moonlight on the hill
And distant woods, when the wide world is still?
Thine are the ample views that unconfined
Stretch to the utmost walks of humankind,
Thine is the spirit that, with widest plan,
Brother to brother binds, and man to man."

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Events of the Week.

New Albany, Ind., Special.

"The Minister," a newspaper published in behalf of the various Falls Cities' Methodist, Congregational and Christian churches, has made its second appearance, the first number being issued Christmas day. It is the object of the Minister to publish all church announcements in this paper, thereby ridding the pulpit of them. We hope the Minister unbounded success. Rev. E. D. Jones, of Louisville, is the editor. The Misses Lydia and Tilla Mitchem, Jessie Clay, Blanche and Sophia Rickman and Ida Williams, after spending the holidays in this city, have returned to their respective teaching places. James E Hood, formerly of the Diamond Quartette and resident of this city, but now basso profundo with Isham's Octoroons, visited friends in this city during the holidays. Prof. Foust passed through the city enroute from Lexington, Ky., to Corydon, Ind. Mrs. Dr. Huggins entertained at her home on State street, Friday evening Dec. 31. Rev. L. W. Ratliffe, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church, is now comfortably quartered at 1107 Constitution street. The Old Folk's concert at the Second Baptist church, was an overwhelming success. Much money was realized in this attempt. The playing on the guitar by Mr. H. Southard, of Terre Haute, was a special feature. At their home, 242 Cherry street, the Misses Lucy and Tilla Mitchem in a manner which is natural and befitting them, pleasantly entertained at dinner the following on Thursday of the holidays: Misses Lillian Thomas, Louisville; Ida Williams, Jessie Williams, Messrs. C. King, —— Pickettt, V. Smith, Louisville; M. W. Sparks, S. Ratliffe. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis, of Cincinnati, have returned home. They were accompanied by Miss Lila Rickman. Well, the wedding bells have not rung yet. What's the matter? The entertainments at Bethel during the holidays were all successes. The Sacred Concert given by the choir Sunday night, the 26th ult., attracted a very large congregation. Of the concert we can justly say that it surpassed all efforts of this kind attempted in this city. The credit of this success is due Mrs. G. A. Ratliffe, instructor of the choir. An Old Folk's concert was given at Zion church Jan. 5th. Miss Lulu M. Helm, of Stevensport, Ky., was the guest of Miss Blanche Sterrett. T. K. Webb, of Alexandria, is home, the guest of his wife and children. Revival meetings are in progress at Bethel A. M. E. church. Mrs. Belle Jackson and daughter, Mrs. R. A. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. H. Southard have returned to their homes in Terre Haute. Mr. and Mrs. Southard were the recipients of many valuable presents during their stay with us. With much credit Mr. Southard rendered selections upon the trombone at both Bethel and the Second Baptist churches. The Rickman sisters entertained at dinner on Tuesday of the holidays Rev Ratliffe and family and Mr. and Mrs. C. Davis, of Cincinnati. Chas. Bray passed through the city enroute to Corydon.

In the Social Realm.

Keokuk, Ia., Special.

One of the most pleasurable events of New Year's day was the afternoon and evening "at home" of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shortridge on Morgan street. Socially Mrs. Shortridge never appeared to a better advantage, and the same is true of Mrs. M. Francis Bland, Mrs. Emma Tebeau, Mrs. Kathrine D. Tillman, Miss Jesse Johnson, Miss Anna Fields, Miss Eudora Clark of Chicago, Miss Maud Harris, Mrs. Louisa Moore, of Louisville, Ky., and Miss Mary Wright who so delightfully assisted in receiving the guests. Those who found pleasure in Mrs. Shortridge's home were: Messrs. George Kendrick, Joe Shelton, Daniel Ware, Edward Bryant, Wilson Buckney, W. H. Jones, George Bannister, Isaac Johnson, James Scott, A. William Draine, Milton Bland, Charles Williams, John Craig, French Bland, George Kellis, W. Wilbert Fields, A. J. Fields, F. D. Fields, Daniel Anderson, John Bland, Robert Ridley, Carr Holt, Samuel Owens, Jason Holt, Richard Krys, Selby Johnson, W. Ethelred Johnson, Whalen Green, George Caldwell, James Smith, John Smith, Austin Bland, Orange Fields, Everett Holmes, John Hoskins, William Stewart, Thomas Rush, Charles Tebeau, George Ashby, Wm. Gross, Alfred Triplett, Martin Bland, Sike Fox, Elder Muse. Charles Davis, Rev. G. M. Tillman, Edward Martin, Wm. Dixon, Thomas White.

The Masons celebrated St. John's Day. A purely Masonic program was carried out which proved an interesting feature to the large crowd that was present. Austin A. Bland, as master of ceremonies, propounded questions to the fellows of the craft who were ever ready to square the work. The program ended with an excellent address by the Worshipful Master, F D Fields, after which with light hearts many chased pleasure far into the morning hours. Mr. and Mrs. French D. Bland spent last Sunday in Canton, Mo. Miss Rhoda Johnson, one of Quincy's efficient and popular young teachers, spent a portion of the holidays in St. Louis and on her return to Quincy was accompanied by Miss Daisy Doolan of Hannibal, Mo. Mrs. A. C. Bellis and Sir C. H. Brooks, who have been in St. Louis attending the Grand Council of the Knights of Tabor, returned home New Year's Day. It is rumored that a grand pianoforte recital, which promises to be the society event of colored social circles, is to take place in the near future. Mr. Mayme Lomax spent the holidays in La Grange, Mo. Thomas White entertained a few of his friends Tuesday evening at his home on Orleans street. Sam'l Jiles has returned after an extended visit at Valley Junction. Mrs. Emma Haley is very sick at her home on Concert street.

Latest News Notes.

Petersburg, Ill., Special.

During the holidays there were a great many visitors in the city. Petersburgites did all in their power to make their visits enjoyable. Among those here were Misses Rosa and Matsy Brown, of Jacksonville, who were guests of Misses Mary and Lizzie Motley; Mrs. Lou Terrell of Mechanicsburg, was the guest of Mrs. W. A. Motley; Mrs. Ellen Smith, of Mechanicsburg, was the guest of Mrs. Jas. Motley. We are glad to note that Mrs. Mary Lasly has returned to Petersburg. Miss Emma Topp of Atterburry is visiting Mrs. Chas. Gaines. John Gaddie, who is a student at the Illinois College at Jacksonville spent the holidays with his parents. Bluford Smith of Lanesville was here visiting friends. The revival has begun at the Baptist church. Watch meeting was largely attended. Robt. Motley has been on the sick list, but is improving. Mrs. Bettie Penick and Mrs. Sallie Hopkins spent their Christmas in Lincoln. The cake walk given by Mr. Mayes was a failure. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rhodes were guests of Mrs. Bettie Adams at Dunfermline. The Christmas dinner given for the benefit of the church was an enjoyable affair and largely attended. A nice sum was realized. The Sunday school Christmas tree was loaded with presents. George and John Vaughn are on the sick list.

PICKINGS.

George J. Smith, the discoverer of the Treadwell gold mine in Alaska, committed suicide by shooting.

There were 1,603 new companies formed under the state law in New York in 1897, a decrease of 300.

A steady increase in crime has marked the last ten years in North Carolina, and in 1897 there were 225 homicides.

Michael C. Flaherty and John F. Sullivan were smothered by smoke in the Never Sweat mine, at Butte, Mont.

George Muller, of Bristol, Eng., recently entered upon his 93d year. His orphan houses at present shelter 1,700 inmates, with 200 helpers.

The Band of Hope movement started at Leeds, Eng., in 1847, has just celebrated its jubilee with enthusiasm, and carries the names of three millions on its rolls.

The Queen of Italy is about to assist science by having an observatory built on the summit of Mount Rosa, 14,820 feet above the sea level. It will be the loftiest observatory in the world.

Of Harvard's total registration, 3,803 in all departments, over one-half live in Massachusetts; and next to this number comes the New York registration, 378. Every state and territory but one has students at the university. Canada has 44 young men, and England 7. Outside of these countries eight other nations are represented.

In Georgia a bill is before the legislature to open the State University to women. Reading classes are being established in the mountain districts through the co-operation of the women's clubs and the county superintendents of education. The subject of introducing manual training into the Georgia schools is being agitated; and the Atlanta Woman's club and several other clubs are supporting free kindergartens until the school boards will consent to assume the control. And the Georgia Federation numbers less than one thousand women.

The Association for promoting self-support of women by fruit and garden culture in Germany, has induced the authorities to establish "school gardens" as adjuncts to public schools, wherever it is possible to set apart even only a small plot of land for this purpose. Here the girls have a chance to show any talent and disposition they possess for embracing the vocation of gardeners; and, when found to be satisfactory, they are assisted in obtaining entrance into a woman's school for gardening. A graduation from such a school secures a certain and sufficient support for life.

The Mistletoe Club.

Chicago, Ill., Special.

The Mistletoe Social Club gave their first New Year's party at the club's parlors New Year's day from 4 to 12 p. m. The house was decorated in mistletoe, evergreen and holly. At 4 o'clock sharp the doors were opened and the members began to arrive. At 9 o'clock the door of the dining room was opened and the guests were led to the table by the members of the club. The table was decorated with evergreens and holly and the supper was served in courses. The welcome address was delivered by the president of the club, after which the ceremony was said by the chairman, The guests all wished the club a Happy New Year. Music was furnished by Prof. Dorsey. Among those present were: Misses Mattie Blair, Zaidie Winchester, May Reeves, Lee McRobie, Grace Taylor, Ina Morris, Nellie Coates, Eva Walker, Miss Conners, Leaty Hicks, Miss Blair, Miss Hamilton, Mrs. Hundley, Mrs. Marthrol, Mrs. Webb, of Peoria, Messrs. Dudley Oglesby, Aaron Landon, Walker Jefferson, Eugene Simpson, Thomas Oglesby, John Daniels, Asa Walker, A. Bell, A. Dunnigan.

An old-fashioned watch-meeting wa held at almost all of the churches Friday evening. They were largely attended. A stag party was given by some of the young men of the West Side last Saturday evening. J. Denelson has moved from Austin avenue to Maywood, a suburb of this city. Rev. Bricker, Presiding Elder of the Springfield Conference, preached Sunday evening at St. Stephen's church. Mr. Wilson has improved. On account of Rev. Bricker being here, the sacred concert of St. Stephen's church was postponed. The Heroines of Jericho and Daughters of the Eastern Star, Masons and Knight Templars met at Apollo hall Sunday, the 2d. The main business was the consideration of the upbuilding of the Afro-Americans. The union installation of all the lodges took place at this hall Monday evening the 27th ult.

CLAPTON, Del., Dec. 12.—Editor The Freeman: Enclosed please find $1 for The Freeman for one year. It is an educator to those interested in the race, so please see that it is continued. Long live the great Freeman to do battle for the right. STEPHEN A. BRISCOE.

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Owing to the many urgent requests from our many friends and agents throughout the country our HOLIDAY RATES will be continued until Feburary the 1st. No one should miss this opportunity to have The Freeman in their homes. If you have failed to renew or subscribe and desire the best race journal published, then foward $1.00 and receive The Freeman one year and a large size picture of Frederick Douglass free. Address,

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HON. P. B. S. PINCHBACK.

Hon. P. B. S. Pinchback is one of the most prominent Negroes now living. He is of that extraordinary class of men that was heaved forward during the restoration days, as may well be said, days that furnished our Langstons, Bruces and others—brilliant additions to the then existing Douglass, who was at that time in the meridian of his career. Pinchback saw stormy political life in the old state of Louisiana, and if memory serves correcctly he stands alone as the only Negro Governor these United States can boast of. In the article Mr. Pinchback so kindly consented to write for the Christmas number of The Freeman he does not mince his world. His conception of the motives that underly the ceaseless demonstration against the Negro in the South by way of lynching seems altogether rational and are the same as has been held, as a rule, by The Freeman. In showing the status of affairs between the races before the war, wherein the Negro had no rights that were bound to be respected, he showed that it was death to strike one of the opposite race, and with much show of reason he avers that the same spirit is rife and methodical. He says: "This terrible unwritten law enabled the white man in the slave states not only keeps their slaves in subjection, but to impress upon every Negro in their communities, bond or free, a wholesome dread of the white race, and consequently complete subjection."

Mr. Pinchback feels that the spirit of this very much defined, although unwritten law, is being carried still, in too full effect. He does not believe that the Southern men who proved their courage on the battle fields would seek this ignoble means of securing justice, if justice alone should be the end. He takes a cursory view of the past immediately subsequent to the great war of the Rebellion, showing the straits these people were driven to in order to keep up the show of race superiority, or better perhaps, race subjection. The Ku-Klux Klans was the immediate outgrowth of the war periods, a notoriously infamous institution whose deeds were so bloody that it succumbed by its weight of guilt. No Southerner, no matter how secure from menace, will claim participation with this society whose very name has created consternation at the mention. It may be that in time there may be no man left to tell the tale that he was identified with this present series of mobs that spring up at the slightest provocation. There are papers at the North, "white papers," that insist that the punishment of lynching is justifiable to the crime. The hold that raping and lynching mean quite the same thing, or rather as cause and effect. But the truth of the matter is, only a very small per cent. of the lynching is the effect of said crime. It is all too apparent, as Mr. Pinchback has indicated, that there are other agencies at work and the raping racket is simply a masquerade under which to carry out the well formed designs. Mr. Pinchback has spoken out and has said something. He is to all appearances unfettered by the cry of racial disturbances. Racial disturbances are already on, and it is on one side only. If he is to be the Moses, his appearance is quite timely.

NEGRO CRIMINALITY?

There is much now being said as to Negro criminality throughout the country. But thanks to the growing spirit of fairplay, friends are coming to the rescue of the Negroes from unexpected quarters. The Chattanooga Times, a Democratic sheet, has treated its readers to some wholesome intelligence as relates to the race. After setting forth the worthiness of the race, its vast accumulation of wealth in a very short period, the disadvantages of the unequal contest for existence, and the unreliability of statistics, it strikes at the gist of the matter in this fashion:

> There are less than one-fourth of 1 per cent. of the Southern Negro population in penal detention, and we may be sure that his white neighbors are none too lenient with him, nor any too severe with themselves; when it comes to infractions of the law, Sambo gets the hot end of the poker. It will take time to develop him, but the American Negro has a great and glorious destiny, the carrying of civilization, art, science and true religion to the land of his fathers, and giving the Dark Continent light, the glorious light its children are to fill their minds and hearts with, in this free and progressive republic.

Doubtless if these people get at odds on these points, the poor Negro will get his dues. The Times does not tarry long in saying that the Negroes get the "hot end" all the time, but it gets there. A few more good confessions like the above and a new estimation of the Negro will result. In truth, it is no time to make statistics concerning the race until every bar is taken down. Penal institutions are for the idle, and under the circumstances it is surprising that the per cent. of Negro criminals is not much larger. Given the same conditions to render life a blessing that are given the surrounding races, then it will be quite time enough to make comparisons and draw conclusions. This is a sensible view, and sensible men will so consider it. And right here let it be said again that argument runs riot and everlasting as against any comparison under the existing conditions.

A Negro in Sherrill, Ark., was strung up by a mob last week for stealing a hog. The henious offense racket and the unmentionable crime theory is no go. Given; any old offense, a "nigger," a rope, a tree and the result is an old fashion "nigger" killing. What's a hog to the thousands of dollars being stolen every year by county and state treasurers, bank clerks and governmental employees. It is the old case of whose ox is gored. These thieves of large conceptions who render communities distressed, are not mobbed, but in too many cases are lionized.

The Lexington Standard has much to say anent Negro leaders. It thinks that when the time comes to lead they take to the woods; noncommittal if you please, but when the plate is handed around they are extremely active at their posts.

Please excuse, but our dear white brothers, politically speaking, you must get together; you are setting a bad example. You know some people are extremely proccocious along certain lines.

THAT EX-SLAVE PENSION BILL.

The evil effects of the Ex-Slave Pension bill agitation is already being felt. The Freeman is constantly in receipt of letters making inquiry as to its possibilities, etc. A good Mr. J. B. Mosely, of Dyersburg, Tenn., writes us a communication on the subject. He, doubtless, is one of the number who would benefit under some such arrangements. He is painfully in earnest, but like a lost soul, he strikes out at airy nothings as though they were tangible somethings. Such a bill if possible, would be welcomed by every Negro whether having been a slave or not. But it is nefarious to hang out these false hopes, deluding the unwary and the unlearned. It is nothing short of a crime to insist in the agitation of this collossal impossibility. The papers should make this patent and not encourage these poor souls who are only too credulous in such matters by a silent acquiesence. It was a sorry day to the ex-slave when this visionary scheme was conceived. If there was hope to extend it would be gladly extended. It is not, as Mr. Mosely says, being oppossed by many Negroes; it is simply being exploded as clap trappism that needs the light of day turned on.

A SOUTHERNER ON THE NEGRO.

Col. J. B. Killebrew, of Nashville, Tenn., pays the Negro a high tribute in the Southern State Magazine of Baltimore. We reproduce the article because of its merit. Col. Killebrew says:

> It is the general impression with those who do not know the good points in the Negro's character that they are indolent and untrustworthy. The writer of this has employed many Negroes on the farm, and his experience is that if they are paid promptly, treated justly, fed bountifully and given an occasional holiday, they, as a rule, may be depended upon to do good work, and are faithful to their trusts. Treated in this manner they work well, even when not under the eye of the master. It is the highest ambition of a Negro laborer to let no white man do more work than himself in the field. To permit this would be to subject himself to the ridicule of his fellows. In all kinds of laborious toil the Negro likes to excel. Cutting timber in the forest; in the splitting of rails and the rolling of logs and the lifting of heavy weights; in the harvest field or meadows; in the breaking of young mules and horses; in the gathering of sugarcane, the picking of cotton, the transplanting and housing of tobacco; in the harvesting of rice, the breaking of hemp and in many other laborious occupations the Negro laborers have no superiors among any nationality. They are also preferred in the South in the quarries, in the tobacco warehouses, as stevedores and steamboat hands, and, indeed, in all species of employment where muscular strength is required or great heat to be endured.

The manly utterances of Killebrew are refreshing, in view of the everlasting slurs slung at the Negroes with the object of proving them inherently indolent. Many of the race itself make the infamous assertions when the fact is that opportunity alone is wanting. If they are given a chance in the industrial world—the trades—they will in a shost decade outstrip those of the other races similarly situated. The progress made against so much odds is the surest indicator of that fact; and there's the rub.

> Charles A Nelson, of Hardin, denounced the action of the caucus in thundering tones, and said that he had been threatened by the Negroes in his county during the late election, and he would go to his grave before he would vote for one.—Louisville Commercial

It is needless to say Mr. Nelson is a Democrat. He belongs to the present legislative body and is opposed to voting for a Negro Democratic candidate because he at one time was threatened by some Negroes, and hence this undying enmity against the race in general. Suppose the thing was reversed—great God! And then to think of fearing violence in Kentucky at the hands of Negroes—a white man at that.

Mr. Nelson thou art shamming;
What you need is a good—d—ning
For thus unmercifully slamming
A race so gentle and so lam(b)ing.

From reports given out, there were 186 cases of lynching throughout the country for 1897, of which number 122 were Negroes, 39 whites and 5 Indians. Of the whole number the henious offense racket claimed 32; but when from this number is deducted the number that could have stood the light of the courts, the net result of the henious offenses are not nearly so appalling as one would suspect.

The question as to the selection of a Negro for assistant cloak room keeper for the Kentucky legislature, has been the cause of caucuses, long drawn deliberations, violent debates, and finally the absolute refusal of twenty-four members touching the colored aspirants. Although Negro Democrats were the subject for consideration, the pill was very very bitter. The moral is easily arrived at.

We are still for Mr. Hanna, notwithstanding the protest of the colored man in the Pittsburg Press. Who are you for?

The political clouds of our own fair city are hovering nigh—descending lower and lower. What the result will be, no one at this time can tell.

Gov. Bushnell, of Ohio, was inaugurated amid much applause, on Monday last. He seems to hold his own in spite of his Senatorial aspirations.

Bradley, Governor of Kentucky, is still proving himself the friend of the Negroes. Mr. Bradley should some day be more than governor of Kentucky.

Emancipation day was celebrated generally on the 1st day of January. Some localities have grown beyond so small a thing, but time is pregnant with surprises for the ungrateful.

THE SPIRIT OF THE PRESS.

The Christmas number of the Indianapolis Freeman was an highly artistic success, and does honor to the management, besides thoroughly clinching the claim of that paper to being the leader in race journalism.—National Reflector.

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It is encouraging to see how the colored people are turning toward the support and up-building of their own enterprises. It shows that the Negro begins to see that his help is within himself, and that God does not intend that he shall rise by any other than his own efforts.—American Eagle.

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As ignorance is the source of crime, every preacher should begin to preach against it. Ignorance should not be left alone for the school teacher to fight, but every intelligent man and woman should raise their voice against it.—Lagos Enterprise.

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When you see a man anxious and willing to succeed, cheer him on his way and show the world that you are a lover of the hustler.—The Rostrum.

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We have received Vol. 1, No. 1, of the Daily Recorder, Norfolk, Va. It is the only Negro daily published in Virginia. It is superior to the average white daily and should be a success.—Vicksburg (Miss.) Light.

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Three things we need in Nashville—a literary society, a Y. M. C. A. and an emancipation organization. It is to our disgrace that we have none of these societies here in the Athens of the South, a city of churches and institutions of learning. Wake up, ye educated Christian men and women.—Nashville Citizen.

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In speaking of Negroes who have achieved some degree of prominence in the trades, the Pittsburg Press says: "At the famous Studebaker Carriage works at South Bend, Ind., the boss blacksmith is Phineas Cartwright, a colored man. At the immense machine works of Fraser & Chalmer in Chicago, the boss pattern maker is R. M. Hancock, a colored man. The foremen of Pulman's car upholstery shops at Chicago is Clinton Astis, a colored man. Under each of them large numbers of white men and women are and have been employed for years. They are skilled men in their line of business, and their services are much sought after by competing firms."—The Recorder.

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Some of our District courts do certainly dispense some very peculiar justice. In the Police court recently, a young white girl was an unwilling witness against a married white man who was charged under the Edmunds law with having improper relations with her. The court would like to have sent her to the reform school, but as all the inmates there are colored, the court decided to send her to the Home of the Good Shepherd. This is not the first case of this kind. A white girl is no better than some colored girls holding similar stations in life. We ought to have a judge of the police court who knows no man by his color.—Washington Bee.

To Erect an Academy.

Meridian, Mis., Special.

The sabbath school at New Hope Baptist church Sunday moring Jan. 9th, was largely attended. Superintendent J. C. Hill talked, also Rev. P. D. Jones. At three o'clock Rev. Dr. J. R. Farris one of the best known white preachers in the city occupied the pulpit. Ground will be broken on the 18th of Jan., on the corner of Twenty-seventh avenue and Thirteenth street, for the erection of the Meridian Academy. Rev. M. C. B. Mason of Ohio will be here on that day. There will be a meeting at St. Paul church on the same day at 3 o'clock. Rev. W. H. Coleman and Rev. A. Clark will attend the A. M. E. conference which will meet at Summit, Miss., this year. The M. E. conference will convene in this city at Zion M. E. church on the 19th, Rt. Rev. J. B. Small will preside. The majority membership of the old New Hope Baptist church is still worshiping the Lord at the same old stand on Thirteenth street and corner Twenty-sixth avenue. Rev. L. W. Watson ex-pastor of the above named church preached a splended sermon Sunday night Jan. 9th. Rev. C. L. Harris preached a splendid sermon at the Congregational church, Sunday morning Jan. 9th at 11:30 A. M. to a large congregation, at 6:30 the Christian Endeaver Society meet. Prof. E. H. Washington who is principal of the public school at Laural was here a few days recently. Miss Dixie Williams who has been teaching school in the Baptist Seminary at Meridian left a few days ago for Nashville, Tenn. On the first of Jan., a little deaf and dumb boy named Johnnie stabbed Columbus Pollard in the left arm, he is mending nicely. Mrs. G. Hobson of Arkansas, is visiting her mother-in-law Mrs. Clara Grace in East End we wish for her a pleasant time. Earl Lockhurt who has been attending school at Tuskegee, Ala., returned to the city on the 5th. Mrs. Lizzie Saunders has been quite sick for the past week but is improving nicely. Misses Lillian Dixon and Ada Saunders of Yazoo City have returned to the city preparatory to attending the Meridian Academy. Mrs. Sarah Whitlock treasurer of Pilgrims Progress church, was robbed of $104, Jan. 6th, by three men. She offered the church a check, but the church refused it they wanted money. On Saturday Jan. 8th, eleven applicants were examined at the new Post Office building for Janitor and fireman, seven white and four colored. H. M. Triplett brother of E. H. Triplett left on the 5th for West Side to visit his brother who was shot on Sunday Jan. 2nd. We hope Prof. Triplett is better. The Colored Young Men's Business Association gave their installation at New Hope Baptist church on Tuesday night Jan. 5th, 1898 Rev. J. C. Hibbler pastor of St. Paul M. E. church installed the following officers: J. C. Collins, president; P. L. Brackett, vice president; G. E. Logan, treasurer; W. B. Block, secretary; and Vaugh Parish, treasurer protem. After the installation the guest came down stairs where a grand and elegant supper had been prepared which, was good enough for the Gods of yore. This society is composed of some of the best colored boys of the city. Andrew Davis was buried at the city cemetery Sunday Jan. 9th, Rev. J. Jordan officiated.

In the Social Realm.

Mt. Vernon, Ill., Special.

Edward Colwell of Shawneetown is renewing friendship in Mt. Vernon. Miss Lucinda Titsworth of Dubois spent Sunday with her sister Miss Titsworth of this city. Mrs. Josie Brown after spending a very successful visit here, returned to Belleville. Chas. Merriweather of Dubois, is in the city, the guest of his sister Mrs. Al. Standard and brothers, Messrs Will and Pete Merriweather of Nuly avenue. Henry Corum and Dabner Wilson are accidental victims this week, the former got his great toe crushed and the latter a severely bruised thumb, both are employed at the car shops. Mrs. Harriette Bell and Master Elwood Stigger of this city, who have been the guest of friends in Bemborton, Ky., for several week passed through here Monday enroute to Centralia, they will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Calliway. The Douglass, Literary Society was organized with the following officers: president, Barbara Slaughter; vice president, Julia Renfro; secretary, Martha Covington; treasurer, Martha Brefford; critic, Ludie Hall. Mrs. Joe Tandy and Mrs. J. W. Owsley, gave a very charming reception in honor of Mrs. Josie Brown of Belleville and Mrs. Anna Arrington of St. Louis, to a number of invited guests at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tandy from 8 until 11 o'clock Monday evening. The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Tandy was aglow with light from cellar to garret and presented a very handsome appearance from without, while within the throng of well dressed ladies and gentlemen offered a scene of animation and gaiety not easily forgotten. After divesting themselves of wraps and overcoats, the guests decended to the reception hall, where they were taken charge of by the committee and ushered into the spacious parlor, introduced to the special guest of the evening and all engaged in various games and plays. They were then lead to the dining room where they were fully alert to make things "go" as in other parts of the program. At a late hour the friends departed and all expressed themselves as having greatly enjoyed the evening. A party given by the young men of Mt. Vernon, in honor of their guest, Chas. Merriweather of of Dubois, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Al. Standard of Nuby avenue, was the scene of many pleasant faces last evening and many compliments were passed upon the excellent manner in which it was carried out.

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New Albany, Ind., Special.

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Newsy Notes.

Troy, Tenn., Special.

J. R. Glover is on the sick list. Rev. Watson preached at the Baptist church Jan. 9th. Miss Minnie Mansell has returned from a visit among relatives in the country. Rev. W. G. Dess preached at Fairfield, Jan. 9th. Harrison Ellison and Ms. Angeline Smith were united in marrirge Dec. 26th, 1897. W. D. Long of the firm of Haygood and Stancel, says that a nickel cannot be better spent than for a copy of The Freeman. E. D. Westfield has returned from Woodville. J. E. White is arranging for a lecture tour.

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HARRY GILLAM.

The above is an excellent likeness of Harry Gillam, of the well known sketch team the Gillams. Mr. Gillam was born 1872, in Detroit, Mich. As he showed marked ability as a stage performer, he was called on the stage at the early age of 13, where he was the star of Prof. E. M. Recter's Juvenile Minstrels. This was the first appearance of the bright and brilliant star that has shown in some of the leading companies and vaudeville houses of this country, making decided hits J. Edw. George's Operatic Minstrels Stars, where he was the principal feasure, and in other well known companies. Being of a musical family Mr. Gillam has found no difficulty in mastering the leading and principal instruments in the brass family, the solo alto being his choice. As his mother Mrs. Georgia E. Gillam has the honor of being a musical graduate of the Oberlin College and a pianist of rare ability he has all assurance that every accomplishment that he possesses as a pianist is in keeping of careful training in every sense of the word. Yet it seems singular that he never took to the string instruments, as his father Chas. Gillam, posseses great musical talent, being the leader and violin soloist of the famous Fenney's orchestra for years, yet we find that young Gillam at an early age divided his talent and won great accomplishments in the mechanical field, as he was chief workman over a body of fifty white workmen in Heely Bros'. wood carving shops, at Grand Rapids, Mich. Owing to his natural business and gentlemanly qualities he was more than successful as stage manager with the Georgia Graduates season of '96-97, and is at present stage manager of P. T. Wright's Nashville Students; being joined recently by his talented sister, Little Bessie, they now constitute the team of The Gillams, the Afro-American Duo, equal to any and surpassed by none. They will be found agreeable, pleasant and a lady and gentleman in every sense of the word.

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Jas. E. Hood, the lion basso, late of the famous Diamond Quartette, is now a prominent member of J. W. Isham's "Octoroons."

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Arnold L. Stevenson, of Al. G. Fields Negro Minstrels, sends regards to H. Augustus Hall, of the "Black Patti Troubadours."

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James Crosby, comedian, has closed with Al. G. Fields' Negro Minstrels, and joined Richards & Pringle's Georgia Minstrels.

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R. Byron Shelton and Sidney Perrin, of Al. G. Fields' Negro Minstrels have joined hands, and are doing a hot original musical act.

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Billy Miller, of "Darkest America," Williams & Walker, and the Bartons were highly entertained Xmas evening, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Hall, New York City.

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John Bailey, of the Baileys, John and Estella, closed a six weeks engagement at Koster & Bail's, New York City, Dec. 25, and have increased the number with Washburn's Double Minstrels.

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J. Ed. Green, the American baritone, manager of the famous Diamond Quartette with Richards & Pringle's Georgia Minstrels, is preparing to introduce to the audiences illustrated songs which promises to be a great hit.

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Sidney Perrin, writes us that he is still making hits nightly with his coon song "If I Ever Lay my Hands Upon that Coon," and Smart & Williams' song "I Guess That Will Hold You For Awhile," also Hillman & Perrin's "Black K. P's." Mr. Perrin requests all his friends to send to Howley & Haviland, New York City, for professional copies of his latest productions: "Tell Me Will You Always Love Me Honey," and "The Sweetest Thing Ever Happened." Sure hits.

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Harry Fidler, comedian and mimic, with Al. G. Field's Negro Minstrels, is now doing a monologue which is a screamer. He is also making a big hit singing the latest "coon" song, entitled "You's Ma Baby," which was written by Wm. Brown, an Indianapolis boy.

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Notes from Washburn's Double Minstrels:—George Hillman, of Hillman & Floyd, has devoted his mind to an alto, and says he will play it or break it. The members of our organization presented Jas. M. Wall a beautiful gold-headed cane Xmas. And in response, Mr. Wall showed his appreciation by serving one of the swellest dinners ever given on a car, accompanied by an overflow of sparkling wine. Chas. Williams' rendition of "Asleep at the Switch" with many beautiful views, is receiving his share of applause.

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J. Ed Green, sends the following from Richards & Pringle's Georgias:—Everything is progressing nicely and we are meeting with much success here in Texas. James Crosby, the popular singing and dancing comedian, late of Al. G. Fields' Negro Minstrels, joined us at San Antonio; his end song "I Guess That Will Hold You for Awhile" and his specialty of parodies are big hits. Miss Albertha Butler, an accomplished pianist, late of Fisk University, entertained Messrs. Jas. Lacy, Allie Brown, J. Ed Green, S. B. Foster and I. N. Smith at her home in Waco. She rendered many pleasing selections on the piano, and an enjoyable evening was had by all present. One of the prominent southern papers in speaking of the Georgias, recently said:

"Minstrelsy as presented by Richards & Pringles and Rusco & Holland is way above the standard. The first worthy of mention is the superb band which when met personally is found to contain many arrangers and composers, viz: John Eason, Robt. Leach, Buddie Robinson, Jas. Lacy and W. O. Terry, each of these gentlemen have composed and arranged numerous selections. Robt. Leach, clarionetist, has a standing challenge to meet all players of that instrument for any sum from $50 to $100.

Billy Kersands seems to be getting more popular daily, and is taking from four to five encores, singing Helf & Yost's popular song "It Ain't No Lie," assisted by his pet chicken "Dixie." Wm. Dixon, I. N. Smith and A. J. Smith are handling the ballads with much favor to the Southerners. Dick Thomas and Buddie Glenn start the comedy in the afterpiece, and the continual laughs are signs of funny comedians. A. B. Stokes left Corsicana, last Saturday to visit his home at Dallas and reports a pleasant trip.

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"Sweetheart, 'Tis All For You," published by A. C. Monroe, of Prescott, Ariz., is one of the prettiest songs that has been issued lately. The music is very catchy, and as the whole selection is written in a waltz time, every musician will find the piece to his liking. Wulschner & Son, Indianapolis, have the selection for sale. Price 50c. It can also be had at the following places: Oliver Ditson, Boston, New York, and Philadelphia; Lyon & Healy, Chicago; Howard Music Co., Baltimore; Sherman & Clay, San Francisco; Bartmer & Mebber, St. Louis; John Church, Cincinnati; F. J. Schwansky, Detroit; J. A. Harvey, Sacramento, Cal.; Phillips & Crew, Atlanta, Ga.; Thomas & Barton, Augusta, Ga.; Taylor, music dealer, Tacoma, Wash.

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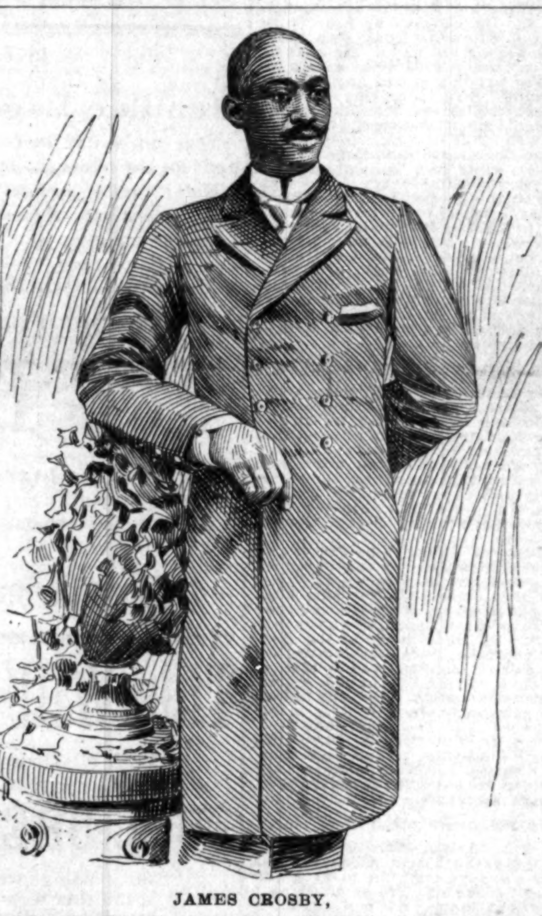
Notes from Al. G. Fields' Negro Minstrels:—The subscribers of The Freeman with this show are: Frank Hallstock, J. H. Grant, Bob Thompson, Guy Hughes, Fred Simpson, Howard McCarver and R. Byron Shelton. The boys are all feeling good after the holidays and many received beautiful presents. Fred W. Simpson was paid a visit by his wife, last week. Frank M. Hallstock's march, "My Lancaster Belle," is now on the market. J. H. Grant's double bass met with a smash-up last week, and when he caught sight of the wreck—well, it would not do to publish his words, but it sounded like a "caller" at a rag-dance. So he was "humbuged" at last. Mrs. R. N. Thompson paid her husband a visit to Princeton, Ky., and remained three days to a delightful stay. Guy Hughes, tenor soloist, is making quite a hit singing Wm. Windom's composition "Teach Our Baby That I Am Dead." The McCarver Bros. are singing "I Love My Little Honey," to nightly encores. Mrs. R. Byron Shelton joined her husband in Owensboro, Ky., last week, remaining a week; having visited Henderson, Ky., Evansville, Washington, Brazil, and Terre Haute, Ind., also Paris, Ill. She was tendered a reception by her husband's aunt, Mrs. Nancy Reid, of Paris, Ill., where she will remain a week on a visit. Jas. Crosby closed last week and joined the Georgia Minstrels. R. Byron Shelton succeeds Mr. Hillman in the musical act of Hillman & Perrin; they are presenting an intirely new act, in which Mr. Perrin does the comedy, and it is a screamer. Harry Fidler's wife paid him a visit during the holidays. Marsh Craig was very much pleased with his "cut" and write-up in the Xmas edition, and wishes The Freeman success.



JAMES CROSBY,

Singing and Dancing Comedian—with Richards & Pringle's Georgia Minstrels.

EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION.

An Excellent and Appropriate Program—The Deeds of a Husband—Young Peoples' Banquet.

Knoxville, Tenn., Special.

Emancipation day was appropriately celebrated in the City Hall of the new market house. The colored people got the drop on the whites by being the first to enter the hall after its completion. The following program was rendered: Music, serenade, "Summer Night," Marble City Band; invocation, Rev. Byrd; music, "Tennessee Centennial March," Marble City Band; reading of Emancipation Proclamation, Miss Alice Scott; music, "Cotton Blossoms," Marble City Band; "Emancipation as a Religious Festival," Dr. S. W. Crosthwaite; music, "Pickaninnies on Parade," Marble City Band; "The Negro Before the War," G. T. Wasson; music, "Platinus March," Marble City Band; benediction, Rev. F. R. White. Rumsey Riley, son of Rev. J. R. Riley, is quite ill, in fact so low that his recovery would be a miraculous surprise. Several months ago John Underdown left his wife. Christmas Eve. he decided to return and was permitted to do so. A few days after his return he quarreled with his wife and struck her several blows over the head with an ax. Mrs. Underdown finally made her escape. Sheriff Albert Dogan placed him under arrest. He was fined $60.05 and sent to the work house. On Jan. 5th Will Jefferson, colored was seriously stabbed by Jeff. Baylass, white, in the new market house. Bayless was arrested and afterward released from jail on $1,000 bond. Both are about 11 years old. Messrs. Jos. M. Trigg and C. C. Dodson, Republican candidates for alderman from the 5th ward, held a convention Jan. 10th to decide who should represent the colored people. The young people of Mechanicsville gave a very swell banquet at the Cosmopolitan hall Dec. 31st. Quite a number of invitations had been issued and a large crowd was in attendance. An elegant repast was served and every one had a very enjoyable time. Mrs. Charles Pierson is on the sick list. Mrs. Wm. Marshall is home from Chicago visiting her parents. Mrs. Sarah Goodman is quite ill. John Burris died Dec. 29; the funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. R. Riley. Mrs. Harriet Burris has returned to Chattanooga. Mrs. Sadie Dix, of Chattanooga, was in the city recently attending the funeral of her brother, John Burris. John C. Dodson died Jan. 2d. His parents have the sympathy of their many friends. Miss Lizzie Long died the 7th instant. Get The Freeman of H. A. Russell and find out what your race is doing. Wm. Burris has gone to Oakdale. Robt. Cannon, who has been ill for several weeks, is able to resume his duties with the Express company. L. Halleck is able to be out. Messrs. Henry Stokes and John Barnett have dissolved partnership. Mr. Stokes is at the old stand where he will be pleased to see his customers. Have your nickle ready every Saturday, as The Freeman has to be paid for in advance. If you don't pay the agent, he can't pay the editor. The Maynard school in Mechanicsville, is progressing nicely. School opened Monday, the 3d inst., in the new Hieskall building on Ball street. Don't sponge on your neighbors; buy your own Freeman. Mr. and Mrs. James Jones gave a reception to a number of friends last week. Those present were: Mrs. Sarah White, Misses Rosetta L., Eva and Belle Kidd, Arthur H zen, Wm Lacy, L. G. M. Sims, Jno. Pearsol and Dr. W. L. Maples. An elegant repast was served and all returned home vowing that they had never spent a more enjoyable evening.

Personal Notes.

Glasgow, Ky., Special.

The Barren, Hart and adjoining counties Teacher's Association will be held at Woodsonville, Hart county, to-day. Eddie Murrell left Tuesday for Frankfort to attend the State Normal school. P. W. Williams, of Hiseville, is attending the Glasgow Normal school. W. D. Whitney, of Slaterfield, is attending the Glasgow Normal. There is a revival meeting being conducted at the First Baptist church by Rev. P. Murrell, pastor, with the asssstance of Rev. W. P. Pierson. V. W. Dunn is attending the Glasgow Normal in preparatory to attending a medical college. The Glasgow Normal Literary society will meet in the Normal building every Friday night, Miss C. B Woods, president; Miss D. B Stone, secretary. Take The Freeman and keep up with the times. You can secure the same from V. W. Dunn, agent, at 5 cents per copy, or $1 a year until February 1st.

West End News.

Chicago, Ill., Special.

The Sewing Circle meet Wednesday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Harris on Austin Ave. The Colonial Club met Thursday afternoon at Mrs. McGown's. There will be a grand Musical entertainment Jan. 25th, at the A. M. E. church, admission 10 cents. Two dollars will be given to the one selling the largest number of tickets, and one dollar to the second highest. There was a Sacred concert at St. Stephens church Sunday evening. Revival services were held this week at the Baptist church.

News in General.

Brennam, Tex., Special.

Rev. R. S. Jenkins, pastor of the Metropolitian, A. M. E. church of this city. The ex-pastor Rev. D. F. Taylor locates for one year and is teaching at Chapel Hill. Rev. P. M. Carmichael is again presiding elder of this district, this being his fourth year. Among the prominent persons who are soon to become readers of The Freeman are Prof. P. E. Bledsoe, Miss Hattie Branche, Miss M. D. Wolfe, Miss Pollie Wine, Prof. R. S. Bailey, Miss A. V. Mooreland, Rev. R. S. Jenkins and Rev. D. F. Taylor. W. R. VanBuren, J. B. Smith, A. Scott, T. Stinnetts, Perry and Jones, Tanner Guy, and G. P. Isaacs are the colored merchants of this place. Messrs E. Taylor and Hubert Bro's are the saloon keepers. Mrs. Effie Browning, Messrs Louis, Morgan and Burke keep resturants. Subscribers for The Freeman will receive prompt attention at G. P. Isaac's store East Sandy St.

News and Notes.

Morganfield, Ky., Special.

Prof. J. W. Richards spent the holidays at his home, Corydon, Ky. Elder Davis, Pastor of the F. W. B. church, Elder Ballus of the C. M. E. church, Elder Rogers of Missionary Baptist church, each held services at their respective churches Christmas day. Tom Watson of Evansville, Ind., visited here during the holidays. Monroe Hodges of Hamlin, Ky., spent a few days in the city the past week visiting his daughter, Miss Carrie S. C. Hodges. W. H. Wilson formerly of Calloway County, having closed his fall term of school at Ironton, Ky., passed through the city in route to King's Mills, Ky., where he expects to again engage himself in teaching. Edward Fossett and Miss Jennie Culver were united in the holy bonds of matrimony the 26th ult. Mrs. Fred Clements is on the sick list. Mrs. Hennie Dixon, of Corydon is here to attend school. Programmes for the spring Normal, at this place under the management of Professors J. W. Richards and J. H. Ingram, are given out. A grand reception was given at Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hughes the 12th inst.

Local Negro Conference.

Eufaula, Ala., Special.

T. J. Jackson, a teacher at the Tuskegee Institute, was with us last week in the interest of the Tuskegee Negro Conference which will meet on February 23 at Tuskegee. He made a short talk at the Emancipation exercises held at St. Luke A. M. E. church. This is the first time a special Negro Conference has ever visited Eufaula, and it is hoped that he may be so encouraged by his success that he will come back to our county again. Through the assistance of Prof. C. M. Wells, Mr. Jackson expects to thoroughly organize this county into local Negro conferences. Rev. John Harmon left Monday for Atlanta, Ga.

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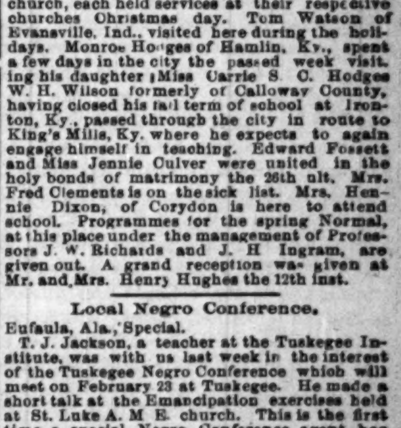
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PROF. COLEMAN'S SUCCESS

As an Educator—A Man of Marked Degree—Full of Pluck and Manly Courage—His Aims.

Prof Coleman was born in Livingston, Miss., in 1859. His parents were slaves. They started young Coleman in the Livingston Town School at quite an early age. He was kept in this school eight years, after completing the course here, he entered Alcorn College, then Alcorn University. Having entered when the institution was a University, and having completed the Academic course in the Livingston School, he got three years advantage of the Classics. After remaining in this institution eight years, he graduated from the College with honors, at the head of his class. Prof, Coleman's first choice as a profession was medicine. He spent some time in Washington City in the study of the same. Being convinced here that he could etter please God and better serve his people by being an educator, he went from here to Chautauqua University New York, to better prepare himself for the work. He spent four years in the study of classics, elocution and pedagogy. From here he went to the Chicago University, where he completed a private and special course in Latin. He received the degree of Master of Arts at Leland University. New Orleans. After completing his College course, Prof. Coleman went to North La., where he formed a territory 200 miles wide and 300 miles long, in which there was nothing like a graded or high school for the colored people. He felt called of God to give his life to the preparation of preachers and teachers, to lead these people. Looking to this end, he opened a school in the church house, with ten pupils. In the mean time he started a two story building. He closed the first session in this building. There was another two story building erected the second session for the girls dormitory. During the first five years of the school, Prof. Coleman and three other teachers made themselves satisfied with money they could collect from tuition, and let moneys from all other scources go toward erecting buildings, etc. Five years work made more help in the school room much needed. In praying for help to carry out his plans, Prof. Coleman's mind was directed Northward. The work which he had done alone, and his speeches through the East and North, interested the Northern churches. As a result the institution has been under the auspices of, and supported by the Baptist Home Mission Society of New York, and the Women's Home Mission Society of Boston, for the last five years. Ten acres of land, a barn, a kitchen and laundry building, a two story building containing presidents rooms, a reception room and a girls dormitory; and a three story building used for chapel purposes, recitation purposes and for a boys dormitory,constitutes the property of the institution. Three buildings lost by fire.

The institution has six departments, and a full competent faculty. Industrial and ministerial departments were added this year. She has an enrollment of about 150 grown students, coming from four different states.

Prof. Coleman has a United States reputation and broad experience, having traveled over this country and in Canada. As a speaker he is pleasing, interesting and elequent. He has spoken in some of the leading churches in Boston and New York. He was the choice of the Framingham Association, white, to make the speech of the day at Framingham, Mass. Prof. Coleman was the only colored person present in a convention of the presidents and professors of the colleges and universities of the United States, which met in New York. His speech was said to be one of the most able speeches made. He was the only speaker programmed to make the second speech. He was taken from here to Canada to speak to a Camp-meeting. In his speeches, Prof. Coleman does not stop at putting the conditions and needs of his institution and denomination before the people of the North but he speaks of his entire race of the South. He is a man of strong convictions, tender sympathies, high personal character and uncommon benevolence. He has given his part of salary, collected in the state, to the institution ever since he has been connected with it. He is full of pluck and manly courage. His aims are high and far reaching. He is often referred to as the father of education among the colored people of Louisiana. He is to Louisiana what Booker T. Washington is to Alabama.

Christmas News.

Eufaula, Ala., Special.

On Monday night Dec. 27th, Christmas tree exercises were held at St. Lukes A. M. E. church. The verdict is that nothing of the kind has surpassed this affair. With an opening tree, splendid tableaux's good music, and last but not least a telegram from Santa Claus, the exercises were certainly enjoyable. The young people of the Sunday school were made happy over their Christmas gifts. The teachers were happy and pleased over the success of the entertainment. Dr. Banton the pastor and Mr. W. H. Wilson the superintendent are alive to the interest of the work. We verily believe that with such good music and such a set of live young people to work as served this committee, much greater things are yet in store for St. Luke. Prof Thomas J. Jackson from the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, spent several days in our city last week. Rev. R. T. Pollard preached two able sermons last Sunday to a large congregation at the first Baptist church. Rev. L. F. O'Bryant of Columbus, Ga., was in the city last Thursday. James Chisholm of this city spent several days in Montgomery, Ala., last week. Mr. R. T. Jackson is spen the Christmas holidays in Birmingham, Ala. Mr. W. R. Lee of Jernigan, Ala. was in the city last Thursday. Miss Alice Reeves has returned to Clayton, Ala. Mrs. Mollie Ward died Dec. 28th, and was buried on Wednesday by the Benevolent society. Ed. Johnson of Sheffield, Ala., is the guest of his brother D. G. Johnson of this city. When you want to know what is going on read The Freeman. The local agent will deliver the paper to your residence every Saturday for 5 cents. Mrs. Mahala Brazier after spending the Christmas with her parents at Clayton, Ala., returned to her home in Birmingham, Ala., last Friday. Rev. R. T. Pollard and family are in the city and the members of his church are delighted. Rev. J. S. Shaw was in the city last Friday. Rev. W C. Banton, preached a splendid sermon last Sunday at 11 o'clock, at 8 o'clock Rev. J. H Warrick filled the pulpit. Rev. W. C. Banton of St. Luke spoke of The Freeman last Sabbath to his congregation and asked every one to subscribe. J. W. Fisher has returned to his school at Louisville, Ala. Mrs. Clara Turner and grandaughter has returned from Americus, Ga. J. E. Lucas never fails to speak commendably of The Freeman. One dollar will pay for The Freeman for twelve months now is the time to subscribe. W. H. Wallace agent.

Items of Interest.

Tuscumbia, Ala., Special.

The city School resumed work Jan. 3rd, with a large increase. Miss J. B. Towns, a pupil of the City school is teaching at Prides, Ala. Misses E. T. Brown and C. N. Ross, spent the Christmas holidays in Memphis, Tenn., where they enjoyed a pleasant time. Miss A. E. Fountain is visiting Miss M. W. A. Ross, Hot Springs, Ark. The Freeman wishes her a pleasant stay. Miss J. F. Meredith first assistant in the Decatur city school, paid her mother a pleasant call Christmas. Prof. G W. Trenholm visited Huntsville, Normal, Barton and Sheffield, Ala., during the Christmas holidays. Rev. Sensabough and Prof. Trenholm enjoyed a delicious repast at Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Roberson's Dec. 26th. The city witnessed a high classed entertainment Christmas morning, at 4 o'clock, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. James. Rev. Sensabough was general manager and Prof. James was toast master. All enjoyed themselves hugely. The Christmas trees at the different churches were nicely carried out. Chas. Comagor who has spent several weeks here, left Dec. 29th, for Washington, D. C. Misses T. E. Bates and E. L. Print of Leighton, Ala., were in the city Jan. 1st Mrs. L. Huston is visiting her daughter at Normal, Ala. The teacher's Institute, conducted at Sheffield, Ala., Dec. 30th and 31st, was the best ever held in Colbert County, Profs. G. W. Trenholm and J. W. Morgan were the chairman and secretary respectively. Read The Freeman for 1898.

A Tragedy.

Greenwood, Miss., Special.

On the night of Dec. 25, Mr. Esset, (white) of the Charley Townsend plantation and Capt. Luckett sought to avenge a Negro whose name is not known. The Negro was called into the office for a settlement. Upon his arrival one of the white men replies: "We are going to have Negro meat for Christmas," and began to club the Negro, stopping occasionally to take a drink. When the Negro grew tired of such persecutions, he drew a 45 calaber Colts revolver making two shots, killing both instantly, and making his escape. He was pursued by another Negro who was also killed. He is still at large. If you want to subscribe for The Freeman, the greatest Negro journal published, call at B. G. Taylor's.

The Old Folk's Concert.

Demopolis, Ala., Special.

The Christmas concert of the Black Belt Normal Institute held at Bethel Rock A. M. E. chuach Dec. 22 was in every way a success. J. C. Steinback, formerly of Demopolis, left about fourteen years ago and spent most of that time in Kansas City, Mo., and Salt Lake City, Utah. He returned about three years ago with his eyesight near gone. Instead of begging for a living as most blind men do, he opened a small stand with a few groceries and is doing a very good business. James Adams is a professional clothes dyer and cleaner and repairer. Mrs. Oliver of Meridian, Miss., spent the holidays with relatives in the city. The old folks concert and Christmas tree were quite a success on the 25th ult., at Bethel Rock A. M. E. church. Mrs. Lucy Whitehead sang a solo, which was grand. The Inter Se Club composed of some of the first young ladies and gentlemen of the city, gave an entertainment Friday night, Dec. 31. J. S. Rembert, with a mercantile business in the southern part of the city is a success. Call and see his stock. Rev. F. B. Moreland, pastor of the A. M. E. church, met his conference in Mobile which convened the 5th. Rev. E. Hunter attended the conference. He is pastor of the A. M. E. Zion church. Prof. U. S. Jones spent the holidays in Tuscaloosa with his mother and returned the 1st. The Black Belt Normal Institute opened Monday, the 3rd for the second term with a good many new scholars. Harris Thompson died Dec. 30. He was one of the old land marks. He leaves a wife, one daughter and many friends to mourn his departure. He was a member of the first Baptist church, and also of a society that gave him a respectful burial.

News in General.

Boston, Mass., Special.

The inauguration of the new city government on the 3rd, inst was a most brilliant affair. The Council Chamber in which the ceremonies took place, perfumed with the oder from numerous floral tributes, which had been presented to many of the new officials. Conspicuous among the members of the Council were Edward A. Armstead of Ward 11 and David R, Robinson, of Ward 10, two young men of excellent standing and ability, who as representatives of the race will surely be found well in the van. We hope in another year to see a still larger number of our young men in this popular branch of the city government. A. E. Newton a popular member of Eureka Lodge, F. and A.M., Miss Mary Olivia Smith, were joined in wedlock Wednesday evening Dec. 29th, at Ebenezer Baptist church West Springfield St. A large number of friends of the young couple attended, and numerous useful gifts were bestowed. On Monday evening at Charles street A. M. E. church the anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation was observed in a fitting manner. The exercises were in charge of the Ministers Association of this city and were much enjoyed by the large and appreciative audience. Rev. D. P. Roberts introduced W. W. Lucas who presided during the evennig and who in turn presented Rev. Charles I. Morris of Newton, who delivered an able and instructive address. The music by the consolidated choirs of the different churches was excellent. For the first time in ten years the Massachusetts Legislature has organized with not a single colored member.

Players at Whist—Personal.

Hartford, Conn., Special.

P. H C. Arms, A. M., M. D., returned from Philadelphia on a holiday trip, much refreshed and invigorated. Dr. Arms has a large and valuable practice in Hartford among the white and colored alike. His stern ability, irreproachable characted and remarkable activity eminently fit him for the position he holds. Being a graduate of Howard University and also the New York medical school, it is obvious how he so easily takes foremost rank among the leading physicians of Hartford. His work and forcible character is not only a credit to himself and race, but an ornament to Hartford as a man and citizen.

Noticable in society circles is the interest manifested in a series of games played between the North End, the Sargents, and the Barber's Whist teams during the holidays, which has resulted in much comment and awakened considerable enthusiasm. In the last series for the championship the Barber's whist team defeated the Sargents 9 to 4, and the North End 11 to 3. This victory gives the Barber's whist team the championship of the city. I. F. Evans, one of our leading druggists, has received an overflow of congratulations this Christmas for the very excellent Christmas present presented him by his wife. It is a fine and handsome boy. Mr. Evans is worthy to be called one of Hartford's "Plumed Knights." Born in mediocrity, he has worked himself up to the foremost round in drug business. The Freeman is prepared to defend the cause of the race in Hartford with peerless zeal. It is always on sale at the barber shops of G. Grant Williams and Shield Bros.

Salem Baptist Church News.

Milwaukee, Wis., Special.

The following officers have been elected for the Salem Baptist church for the new year: Richard Montgomery, superintendent; Bennie B. Craft, assistant superintendent; Edna M. Lincoln, secretary; Wilbur Odom assistant secretary; Sister Gentry, treasurer; Freddie Comery, librarian; and Louis Chase, assistant. Teachers: Sister Craft, teacher of the Bible class or adults class No 1; Mrs. Hudson, teacher of senior class No 3; Sister Howard, teacher of intermediate class No 4; Sister Terry, teacher of primary class No 5.

Church News—Notes.

Union City, Tenn., Special.

Rev. T. S. Johnson, pastor of the A. M. E. church, preached an able sermon Sunday night, the 2nd. The choir rendered excellent music. After the sermon the Lord's Supper was administered to a goodly number of members and friends. Communion services at the C. M. E. church last Sunday night. Rev. E. W. Mosley, the Presiding Elder held his first quarterly meeting since the annual conference adjourned at Dyersburg. Rev. Mosely preached a very interesting sermon Sunday at 11 o'clock, subject "The Price of Salvation." Rev. W. E. Farmer, ex-pastor of the C. M E. church was with us Monday. Rev. Farmer is appointed to Brownsville Station this year. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Seales are rejoicing over a baby girl. The old folk's concert at the Baptist church last Friday was a success. Be a yearly or weekly subscriber to The Freeman. E. L. Thompson, agent. Among those prominent in this city and are weekly subscribers to The Freeman are: H. C. Brassfield, S. P. and I. A. Bell, S. H. Powers, E. M. Mitchell, Misses W. G. Light, W. A. Hubbard, L. A. Tolton, E. Wade, L. Patton, N. Nesbit, M. A. George, H. D. Wells, O. Thomas, T. B. Donnelson, D. W. Bright, T. D. Davis, W. B. Martin, Rev. J. W Waddy.

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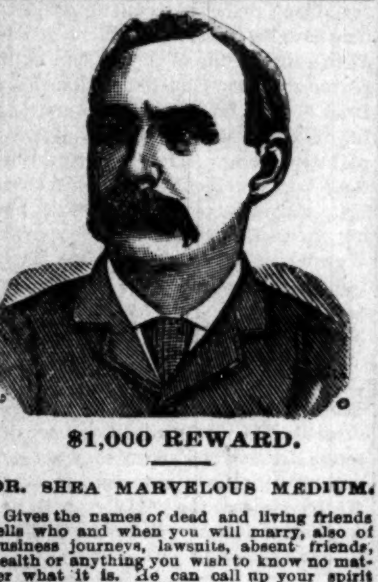

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with all their undertakings, while those who neglect his advice are still laboring against poverty. Through his perfect knowledge of chemistry he can impart to you a secret that will overcome your enemies and win you friends. His aid and advice has often been solicted; the result has always been the securing of speedy and happy marriages and all your wishes. In love affairs he never fails. He has the secret of winning the affections of the opposite sex.

It is the curse of Spiritualism that in all large cities there are a class of men and women who claim powers they do not possess. They have neither gifts, credentials, nor references. Surely the colored people are not so wanting ing in sense as to throw their time and money away on such. Dr. Shea refers to the Hon. Chas. Miller, capitalist, 2481 Atlantic Ave.; the Hon. Wm. Denmore, architect and builder, 47 Cleveland avenue, and Mr. Fred Lampe, grocer, 641 Fulton street, Brooklyn. All have known him for the past ten years. He gives a free test of his power to all. The doctor has practiced five years in New Orleans, St. Louis, Memphis, and Louisville; understands thoroughly the diseases, spells or influences the race is subject to. He has now and always had large patronage from them.

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Sincerely, Albert Ayers,

2937 Atlantic Ave.

Brooklyn, Aug. 15, 1891.—This letter is to certify that my husband had gone away and had been absent two years. I mourned for him night and day. I gave him up as dead. Hearing of the wonderful things Dr. Shea was doing I resolved to consult him. He told me that my husband was alive and well and where he was; told me he would come home and when. To my joy all of it came true. He is home now. came back like one from the dead. I also wish to say that this month I lost $250. I am a poor woman and I was almost insane. I went to Dr. Shea and he told me I would find my money and to my intense joy I did find it as he told me. I thank God there is a man so gifted in our midst that can help people and tell them what to do.

Sincerely, Mrs. Barrett,

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I wish to state that one of my parishoners was sick and in trouble for a long time, Mrs. Brown, 37 Gay street. No one seemed to under stand her case. She had several doctors, but none of them seemed to know what was the matter. None could do her any good. It was my duty as her pastor to call and see her. Hearing of the wonderful work being done by Dr. Shea the last few years, I thought I would call and see him myself, I found him a sympathetic gentleman. He gave me a wonderful test of his powers; told me to send him a lock of patient's hair, which I did by her daughter. He told at one what was the matter and in a short time cured her sound and well. Her family had seemingly been under a cloud. Now all is changed. All are well and prosperous. I can truely and and heartily recommend Dr. Shea, to all those in sickness or distress of any kind, Rev. William Johnson, pastor Lebanon church, Brooklyn,

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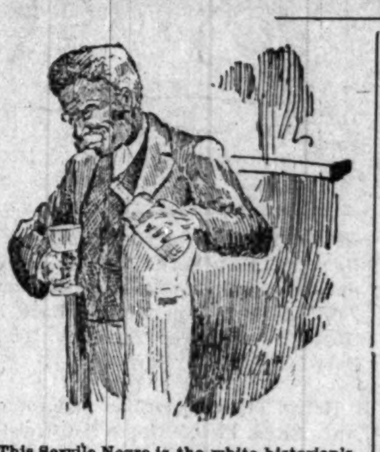

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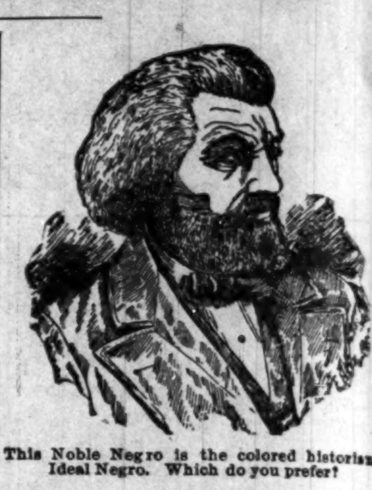

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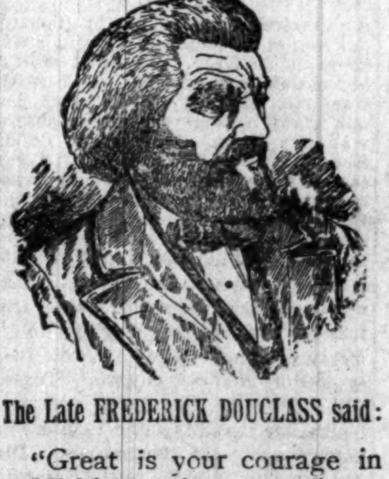

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TAYLORVILLE, ILL., Dec. 26, 1897.

Editor Freeman:—Will say in regards to your wonderful paper, which I have only been taking a short time, I am glad to have the pleasure of taking such a wonderful paper as The Freeman. It gives my heart great delight to see what our people are doing. As you are aware that I am not agent for your paper, but have been some what busy in trying to talk up your paper in our town, among the people. Noticing in your issue of Dec. 18th where you said any one sending in two yearly subscriber for your paper, you would send free to them the history of "The History Of The Colored Race," so if this be true, I am sure I can get two or more. Please write me soon, so I may be able to get the paper to them as soon as possible. Also when my subscription is out will send you $1.00 so you can continue my paper for another year.

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Glasgow, Ky., Special.

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The system of lymph glands and tubes covers the entire body. If it were exposed to view, it would have the appearance of meshwork. Lymph ducts lead from the skin, from the mucous membrane, and from bone to lymph bodies which are further connected with one another by the same means.

At any point where there is an inflammation, a sore, a breaking of the skin or mucous surface, there will be found open mouths of lymph ducts into which waste matter is liable to enter. This waste matter sets up an irritation and an enlargement of the lymph bodies to which it finds its way. It will now be easily understood how such an enlargement or inflammation of the lymph bodies always points to a state of inflammation at some point, perhaps at a considerable distance from the lumps themselves. Thus a felon on the finger causes enlarged glands to appear in the armpit.

Lumps in the neck may sometimes be plainly traced to eczema of the scalp. Sometimes the mouth is the seat of the trouble. Large and inflamed tonsils may be present, or the teeth may be decaying.

When the ear is the seat of an abscess, either before or during the course of a purulent discharge enlarged glands are common.

Enlarged lymph bodies just behind the angle of the jaw are sometimes significant of catarrh of the nose and the adjacent portion of the throat.

The existence of enlarged lymph bodies for a few days, or sometimes for a longer interval, cannot be said to be in itself dangerous. The case is different when lumps exist for several weeks or longer. They become changed in character after this time and begin to break down and form purulent matter. This stage, too, is more difficult to cure, as surrounding tissue may become affected. The skin over the glands is involved and becomes part of the large, soft, red or purplish swelling, now called an abscess, which either breaks or is lanced by the surgeon.

These enlargements may become invaded by the tubercle bacilli, from which consumption of the lungs or a general consumption may develop.

During the course of an infectious disease, when the glands in the neck sometimes become enlarged, the care of the throat must not be neglected. The use of an antiseptic solution on the affected parts will often produce an immediate good result.—Youth's Companion.

THE COURT JESTER.

A Practical Joke That Will Sommers Played on Cardinal Wolsey.

Amelia Wofford tells of "The Court Jesters of England" in St. Nicholas. The following is related of King Henry VIII's jester:

Sommers, like Scogan, liked a practical joke, and one that he played on Cardinal Wolsey is thus quaintly told by Armin:

"Of a time appointed the king dined at Windsor, in the chappel yard at Cardinall Wolsey's at the same time when he was building that admirable work of his tombe, at whose gate stood a number of poore people, to be served with alms when dinner was done within, and as Will passed by they saluted him, taking him for a worthy personage, which pleased him. In he comes, and finding the king at dinner and the cardinall by attending, to disgrace him that he never loved, Harry, sayes hee, lend me £10. What to doe? saies the king. To pay three or foure of the cardinall's creditors, quoth hee, to whom my word is past, and they are now come for the money. That thou shalt, Will, quoth hee. Creditors of mine? saies the cardinall. Ile give your grace my head if any man can justly aske me a penny. No, saies Will. Lend me £10. If I pay it not where thou owest it, Ile give thee £20 for it. Doe so, saies the king. That I will, my liege, saies thee cardinall, though I owe none. With that he lends Will £10. Will goes to the gate, distributes it to the poore and brought the empty bag. There is thy bag againe, saies hee. Thy creditors are satisfied, and my word out of danger. Who received, saies the king, the brewer or the baker? Neyther, Harry, saies Will Sommers. But, cardinall, answer me in one thing, to whom dost thou owe thy soule? To God, quoth hee. To whom thy wealth? To the poore, saies hee. Take thy forfeit, Harry, saies the foole. Open confession, open pennance. His head is thine, for to the poore at the gate I paid his debt, which hee yields is due, or if thy stony heart will not yield it so, save thy head by denying thy word and lend it mee. Thou knowest I am poore and have neyther wealth nor wit, and what thou lendest to the poore God will pay thee tenfold. * * * The king laught at the jest, and so did the cardinall for a shew, but it grieved him to jest away £10 so."

DON'T TALK OF YOUR ILLS.

People Are More Interested In the Pleasant Side of Life.

"Every one of us has his and her own ailments," writes Edward W. Bok in The Ladies' Home Journal, decrying the unpleasant habit many people have of discussing their bodily ills. "It is enough for us all to keep well ourselves. To be compelled to listen to the ailments of others does not make that task any easier. Besides all this, these unnecessary narratives of personal ailments are positively injurious to ourselves. Physicians all agree that many of the slight illnesses, of which some people make so much, could be cured if they would but take their minds from themselves. Too many people work themselves into illnesses or prevent themselves from getting well by talking about a petty ailment which, if forgotten, would right itself.

"I will not say that women, more than men, are prone to this evil, but as the majority of women have more leisure than the majority of men they are more likely to let their minds dwell upon every little ill that assails them and talk about it. It seems to me that one of the most important lessons we can all learn with the close of the year is to refrain from inflicting upon others what is purely personal to ourselves. Let us cease this tiresome, this inconsiderate, this unnecessary talk about our ailments. Cold and hard as it may seem, the fact is nevertheless true, and will ever remain so, that the vast majority of people are interested in what is pleasant in our lives, but not in what is unpleasant. Pains and sorrows are elements in our lives which are sacred and interesting only to ourselves."

Von Moltke.

Von Moltke was originally an officer in the Danish army. At the age of 9 years he was entered as a royal cadet—i. e., he was to be educated at the expense of the king, Frederick VI, in the Copenhagen Military academy—and, having taken his examinations, he wore the Danish uniform until he, as a sublieutenant at the age of 27, petitioned the king for three years' leave to proceed to the continent to study the military art, as he says in his petition, "to be able on his return to employ his acquirements for the good of his country." This petition was granted, but the count also asked to be allowed to retain his pay, and as the king refused this he took his discharge and entered the Prussian army, a recruit whom that organization has every reason to hold in enduring memory.

Papa Is Excused.

Here is the latest of an enfant terrible who lords it over the home of a politician in this city, says the Toledo Blade: The minister came to the house the other day and the kid entertained him for a short time.

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"I know it, and I say my prayers every night, but pop he don't have to, as he don't get home till 'most morning."

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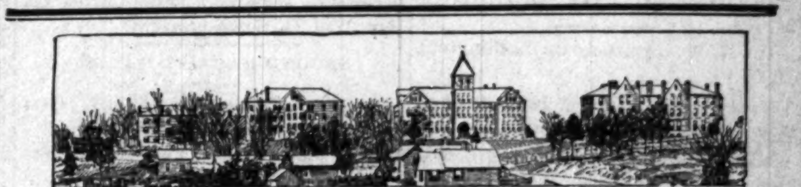

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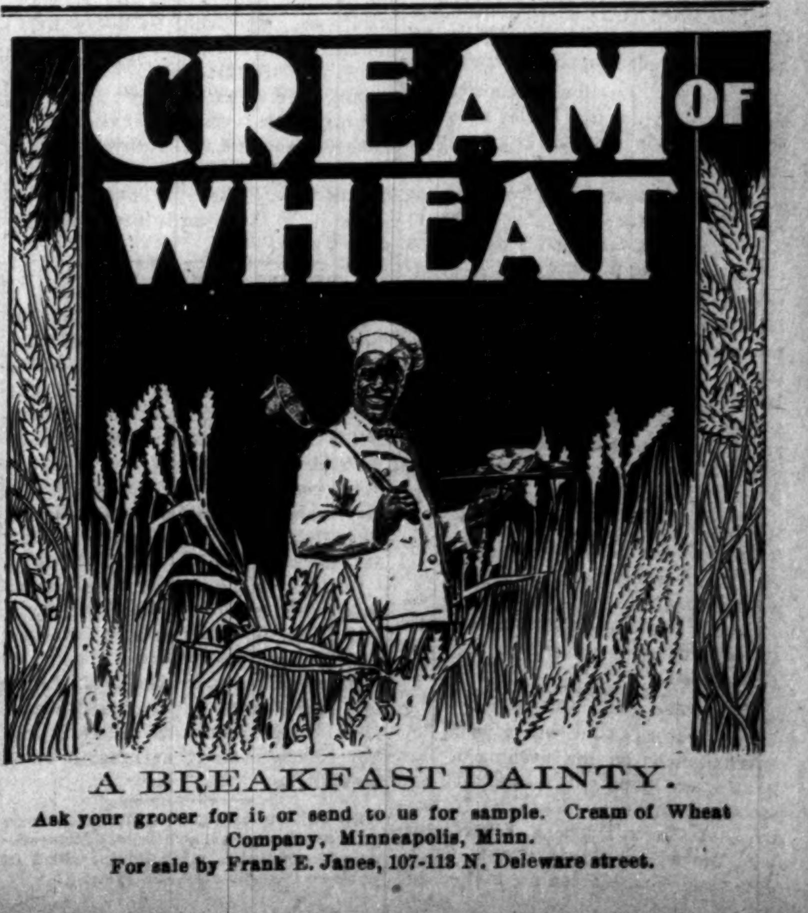

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LOCAL NOTES.

Mrs. Frances Smith is indisposed.

Attorney J. T. V. Hill is quite ill.

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Geo. W. Prince has recovered from a recent illness.

Mrs. Eliza Baughman, of Bradshaw street, is indisposed.

Owing to ill health, Mrs. Ella Christy has resigned her school

Mrs. Chas. A. Webb has been seriously ill the past week at her home in Bismark street.

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Wayman Thompson, son of Rev. H. H. Thompson, is seriously ill at the home of his parents, 61 Harlan street. He will be pleased to have the friends of the family call and see him.

W. H. Wilson, a well-known paper hanger of this city, lost his life Tuesday afternoon in saving a little girl from drowning. Clara Gibbs, of 1715 Bright street, was sliding on the ice and fell in. Wilson rescued the child, but while swimming to shore was seized with cramp and drowned before help reached him.

Owing to the fact that many agents and friends of The Freeman who are engaged in raising clubs of subscribers, and finding that time will not permit them to complete their list, have urged the publishers to extend the $1 rate, and as we are always anxious to serve our friends, we desire to announce that until the 1st of February The Freeman will be sent to any address in the United States for $1 per year. Subscribe now.

PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

Dr. H. W. Furniss is in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Anna Johnson has returned from a pleasant visit to Louisville.

Mrs. Myla Hawkins, of Washington, Ind., is the guests of relatives and friends in the city this week.

Mrs. Harry Jones entertained a few friends at a six o'clock dinner last week at her home in East Sixteenth street.

Albert Price has returned to his home in Columbus, O., after spending the holidays with his mother and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Shelton entertained their many friends last Friday evening. Mrs. Shelton is now visiting her parents in Franklin.

Miss Nellie Gilchrist has resigned her school and returned to her home in Carthage. Mrs. Gertrude Cox has been appointed in her place.

Prof. J. A. Sterrett will open a dancing school for children on Jan. 22 at the hall corner New York and Muskingum streets. All children who would like to become members of the class are expected to call on Saturday the 22nd and enroll their names. The school will continue each Saturday afternoon from 2 until 4:30 o'clock.

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The Musical Contest.

The contest between the Oriole and Plunger Quartettes at Bethel church Tuesday night under the management of H. L. Sanders was a splendid success. Solos were rendered by Chas. Samuels of the Orioles and Wm. Goodall of the Plunger Quartette. The orations by Mrs. Roxie Bell on "Woman's Influence" and J. H. Lott on "What Relation the Colored Citizen Sustains to the American Institutions" were excellent and elicited great applause. The singing of both quartettes was good and showed careful preparation. The judges rendered a decision in favor of the Plunger.

Winning Laurels.

Dr. Robt. F. Harper, who graduated from the Indiana Veterinary College less than year a year ago, is meeting with remarkable success in his profession. Mr. Harper enjoys the distinction of being the only colored veterinary in the state, and is an honored member of the Indiana State Veterinary Association for Graduates. Quite recently W. K. Bellis, of the Bellis Bicycle Co., had a valuable horse stricken with tetanus or lock jaw, which proved to be a serious case. The doctor, however, was equal to the emergency, and succeeded in curing the animal of this very dangerous disease.

Death of W. D. Driver.

W. D. Driver, well-known in the journalistic field, died at his home in Coffeeville Kan., Christmas morning of pneumonia. Mr. Driver at one time held the position of foreman of The Freeman composing rooms with satisfactory results. He was also employed on the reportorial staff of the Indianapolis News, one of the leading daily papers of the state. For a short time he published the Weekly Review in this city, which was a great credit from a literary standpoint. During the World's Fair he ably represented The Freeman in Chicago. Mr. Driver was possessed with great personality, and his sterling worth and ability will be greatly missed in newspaper work.

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NINTH PRESBYTERIAN NOTES.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

The Sunday school is doing a grand work. It meets at 2:30 p. m.

The Rev. Dr. Hunter, pastor of the Seventh Presbyterian church, and one of the most able divines and thorough evangelist in the city, will begin a series of revivals at this church, Monday evening, Jan. 17 at 7:30. Everybody is invited to come and hear the doctor. Rev. Wm. O. White pastor.

SECOND BAPTIST NOTES.

Large audiences greeted Dr. Carr last Sunday morning and evening.

Five hundred and twelve members communed on the first Sunday.

The church presented the pastor $10.60 as New Year's present.

Sherman Davis and Miss Lessie Howard were united in marriage Dec. 15 at 852 W. Eleventh street, and Edward Marble and Miss Anna Galloway were married on the 30th at 432 Sumler street, Dr. J. W. Carr officiating.

Protracted meeting is now in progress and the public is cordially invited. The Texas Evangelist, Dr. Tolliver, is with us, also Rev. P. H. Lewis of Ironton, O., and Rev. Jackson of Texas.

The B. Y. P. U. meets every Sunday at 7:00 p. m.

BETHEL A. M. E. NOTES.

At the annual church meeting the 6th the following persons were elected trustees for the ensuing year: B. F. Wade, Jacob Porter, Don D. Wells, H. L. Sanders, Edward Harris, John Allen, Willis Kersey and Allen Jackson. For clerk, Abram Burroughs.

All persons having notices which they desire read at the public service must leave them at the pastor's study not later than 10:30 Sunday morning.

Hon. G. L. Jones has been chosen superintendent of the Sunday school, and S. G. Givens assistant. Revival services begin to-morrow.

Mrs. Jno. Puryear, Mrs. J. M. Porter and a number of other friends presented Rev. Graham with a handsome lounging jacket Tuesday evening, it being his birthday.

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ALLEN CHAPEL NOTES.

One accession to the church Sunday.

Mrs. Martha Sayles is on the sick list.

Notwithstanding the inclement weather last Sunday quite a large crowd attended service to listen to the special sermon by Rev. Murray to the barbers. All seemed pleased with the sermon.

Rev. Murray left last Tuesday for Wilberforce to spend a few days.

The Missionary Society held quite an interesting meeting last Monday afternoon. A very nice program was rendered.

The Twentieth Century Literary Society is moving on nicely under the direction of its new president, Miss Ella Sanders. Quite an interesting program was rendered last Wednesday evening.

The Christian Endeavor Society elected new officers last Monday evening: President, Miss Fannie Hardrick; vice, Mr. Watts; recording secretary, Miss Mattie Mitchell; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Ella Williams; treasurer, Mrs. Mattie Green.

The Missionary Society will give an entertainment at the residence of Mrs. Lizzie Venable, corner of old Eighth and Yandes streets next Thursday night Jan. 20. Kentucky oysters in abundance. Supper 10c. Everyone is invited to come.

To Whom it May Concern.

Louisville, Ky., Special.

In the late wheel contest given at Jacob Street Tabernacle it was said that the prize was to be awarded to the one selling the largest number of tickets. The contestants went in feeling that they were to sell tickets for, and not receive subscriptions on the wheel. The day before the last night, it was announced that the money which had been subscribed on the church could be paid or given to any of the contestants. Now it seems as though some of the other contestants had been so informed, but a certain other young lady knew nothing of this until Sunday morning when it was announced, consequently the money gotten by her was that made by the sale of tickets; no subscriptions whatever was included in that amount. We do not think it just and fair if one person was informed of the subscriptions. All should have been so informed together, or if one person was to turn in money for tickets alone, all should have done so. There has been fraud and undermining work done. Such conduct on the part of so-called christians causes the general public to frown on such prize entertainments in the church.

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Items of Interest.

Muncie, Ind., Special.

After a week of prayer the protracted meetings have commenced at the Jackson street A. M. E. church. Quite a large audience greeted Rev. Allen of Henderson, Ind., at quarterly meeting Sunday at the A. M. E. church. The Odd Fellows gave an "Old Time Social" at their hall on N. Walnut street, Tuesday evening Jan. 11th. Mr. Boyer of South Elm street is the happy father of a boy, which arrived at his home last Thursday. Mr. Wm. Williams and Miss Diana Reno were quietly married Sunday evening at half past six. Mr. Pearl Halland, assistant editor of the "La Rue News," published at La Rue Ohio, returned home Tuesday after a pleasant visit with relatives in the city. Rev. Green of the Second Baptist church was called to Anderson to officiate at a surprise wedding one day last week. Miss Paris of Ohio is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Davis, of East Jackson street. "Turnkey" Conway and wife are entertaining friends from out of the city. The Calico Social at the Second Baptist church last Thursday evening was quite a success both financially and socially.

Newsy Notes.

Terre Haute, Ind., Special.

Al. G. Field's Colored Minstrels passed through the city Tuesday en route to Paris, Ill. Rev. Siles of the Rising Mission, is holding a revival meeting at his church on Liberty avenue. Rev. S. Clay has returned from his holiday trip and is thinking of locating in the city. Rev. Breckenridge, of the M. E. church, is holding a revival meeting at his church on Franklin avenue. There will be an entertainment given at the Armory Hall the 18th and 19th by the sisters of the Eastern Star for the benefit of Allen Chapter A. M. E. Rev. Jones of the Free Will Baptist church was reinstated for another year. Prof. Pinkney T. Miller principal of Governor street colored school of Evansville stopped over in the city Jan. 1, and was the guest of Dr. A. L. Cabell. Troy Porter of Paris, Ill., was in the city Sunday. Rev. Cable is very sick. Harry Browning is very sick.

George Fischer has the only colored restaurant and saloon in the city. The Free Will Baptists are conducting revival meetings.

The Shakespearian Circle.

Dyersburg, Tenn., Special.

The Shakespearian Literary Circle gave a grand holiday dinner and social Thursday evening Dec. 30, at the residence of Rev. H. H. Greenlee, 21 West Market street. Select reading and speaking, a pleasant time, and a sumptuous dinner were the important features of the evening. Rev. A. J. Fleming, pastor of Slater's Chapel A. M. E., gave a New Year's suppers on the 3rd and 4th. It was a success financially. Our public graded high school is progressing nicely under the management of Prof. W. H. Fort, the efficient and worthy principal of the same. Mrs. Emma Connell, an exemplary christian lady and member of the Missionary Baptist church, lies dangerously ill at her home on South Broadway. A happy and successful New Year, is my wishes for The Freeman. Prof. Waldron is now principal of the colored graded public school at Finley. Rev. E. W. Moreley, a resident of this city and the P. E. of the Trenton District C. M. E. church, is out on his first round. Prof. G. D. Jolkes, the silver-tongued orator, debater and lecturer, will soon resume the lecture platform, subject, "Home Training." Rev. Henry Barnett, the hustling agent for The Freeman, in this city, delivers the papers promptly either on Friday evening or quite early Saturday. He is the right man in the right place. Mrs. Mary Ann Walker, mother of your correspondent has been quite ill during the past week. Mrs. Bailey of Ashport, who has been the guest of Mesdames Sylsby and Jones at No. 11 West Market street, returned to her home on Friday the 7th.

Rev. W. P. Greer, formerly the pastor of the Johnson's Chapel C. M. E. church this city, but now the worthy and exemplary pastor of the C. M. E. church at Covington, was in the city on Thursday. Rev. Monroe Partee, the newly appointed pastor of the Johnson Chapel, this city, has come to take charge of his work. We welcome him among us.

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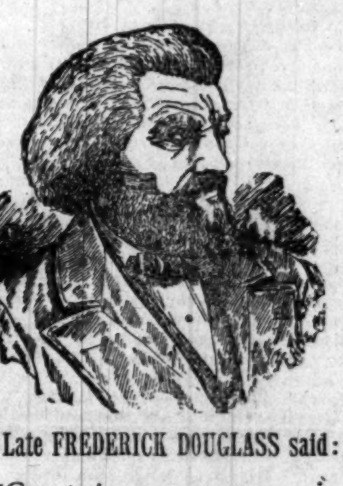

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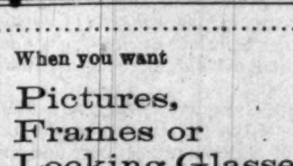

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